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*Drug Traffickers Will Benefit If It Passes...*

## DA Bennett Urges Voters To Say No To Ballot Question Eight

by Hope E. Murray  
Municipal Writer

Hampden County District Attorney William Bennett and Assistant District Attorney Howard Safford, a Feeding Hills resident, urged Town Council to vote no on Ballot Question Eight at its Monday, Oct. 16 meeting.

Question Eight states that it is "an act to expand the scope of the Commonwealth's drug treatment program and provide funding through fines for drug violations and the forfeiture of assets used in connection with drug offenses."

Basically, Question Eight would allow for rehabilitation of drug offenders rather than jail time and any assets seized in drug violations would be put in a fund called the Massachusetts Drug Treatment Trust Fund to fund rehabilitation. Currently, any assets derived from forfeitures is split between the DA's office and other local law enforcement agencies.

"It's a smoke screen," Bennett said. "It sounds like a good idea, but what it doesn't tell you is that it isn't

just for drug users, it's for drug dealers - even repeat offenders."

"Judges - without a hearing - will be able to defer drug dealers, even second offenders and traffickers of up to 28 grams, to a drug rehabilitation program," Safford said. "I can tell you that there won't be many drug dealers and traffickers who won't be telling judges that 'yes, I am at risk for drug dependency'."

Bennett said that if Question Eight passed, Massachusetts would be the first state to take steps "towards the decriminalization of drug dealers" and that dealers would be more attracted to Massachusetts.

"The drugs come up from New York," Bennett said. "Interstate 91 is a pipeline for drug dealers. They'll come here because they know they won't be prosecuted if they say they're at risk for drug dependency."

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## Italian Visitors Enjoy Local Italian Bakery



DURING THE RECENT "Six Days Of Reggio" visit to town by members of Agawam's sister city in Italy, a few stops were made. On Thursday, October 6th, Giovanni's Italian Bakery in Agawam Center hosted members of the Agawam Sister City Commission and their Italian guests, who just loved the place and enjoyed the hospitality of owners Tony and Bruno Russo (standing in the back). In photo, clockwise - David Cecchi, Anthony Bonavita (chairman), Carmella Marzano, Tom DeNardo, Sylvia Deliso, Ben Deliso, Terry Letellier (vice-chairman), Professor Domenicka Tescione (Italian guest), Attorney Giovanni Tescione (Italian visitor), Dr. Paolo Scudo (Italian visitor), Louis Russo, Mayor Richard A. Cohen, Susan Euliano, and Frank Mazzei. SEE OUR OCTOBER 26TH EDITION FOR COMPLETE COVERAGE OF "The Six Days Of Reggio." Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Halloween Fun At Fini's Plant Farm



FINI'S PLANT FARM ON JAMES STREET IN FEEDING HILLS will be the site again this weekend, as well as the weekend before Halloween, of the famous "Great Pumpkin Adventure." This is a terrific family activity. IN TOP PHOTO: Owner and operator Al Fini waves to the camera while driving the wagon through the haunted woods. IN PHOTO BELOW: Lauren Weiner sticks her head through the huge "Good Milk" sign. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



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Agawam Police Chief Campbell also spoke out against Question 8.

"I, along with my colleagues in the Western Mass Police Chiefs Association and the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association, feel it is bad law and bad public policy," Campbell said. "It will have a severe impact on law enforcement in Massachusetts."

Bennett said that over the past five years, Western Mass has received an average of \$340,000 per year from drug case forfeitures, half of which has gone to the DA's Office and the other half was divided among local police departments.

"Almost every penny was spent to support narcotics task force efforts," Bennett said.

Every council member except Richard Morassi publicly stated his or her opposition to Question 8, while Morassi said he supported the question.

"It provides the courts with an alternative to incarceration," Morassi said. "Which I think is a good thing."

"Prisons are in a state of saturation. Courts are over-extended. [Question 8] will weed out low-level offenders. As for our District Attorney, I am a supporter of his."

Bennett cited many substance abuse rehabilitation programs within the prison system locally that offenders can take advantage of while incarcerated. Councilor Robert Rossi stated that he believes that "our county has very good programs" already in place.

Council President Robert Magovern also supported Bennett's statements.

"I think every citizen in this town is paying the price for drugs," he said.

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## Council OK's Petro Storage Permit Paving Way For River Rd. Gas Station

by Hope E. Murray  
Municipal Writer

After a month of meetings that included Agawam Car Care's request to install a 20,000 gallon petroleum storage tank on the agenda, Town Council approved the request Oct. 16.

The request had been tabled twice, primarily in order to gather more information regarding safety issues. The council voted 7-4 to grant the request. Construction on the project is expected to begin in early spring.

Agawam Car Care, owned by Rajesh Rayonia, is currently a car sales and repair shop. Rayonia is making the business a full-service gas station and convenience store.

Located at One River Road, traffic and motor vehicle safety were the major concerns at a public hearing Oct. 2nd where one person spoke against the request. Bill Saltman of Belchertown owns a 12-unit apartment building on River Road next to Agawam Car Care and said his residents don't want the gas station.

"It will be a destructive intrusion into the neighborhood's quality of life," he said at the public hearing.

Councilors were most concerned with safety issues. The station is located in an area where Six Flags traffic already bottlenecks. Original plans for the property included an entrance/exit heading south on Main Street. Council President Robert Magovern worried that this was "an accident waiting to happen."

Rayonia's representative at the public hearing, architect Ron Fortune, said he and Rayonia were willing to take every safety precaution possible and agreed to make the southerly entrance/exit a right turn only exit during the months Six Flags is open. Rayonia agreed to erect signage stating that there is no left

turn allowed there.

Councilor Gina Letellier suggested at the Oct. 2nd meeting that an upcoming road widening might effect the property and the council tabled the vote in order to gather information on that matter. Planning Board Director Deborah Dachos sent a letter to the council stating that the construction will have no affect on Agawam Car Care.

"We had a discussion on safety, and I believe that everything we asked, he set into motion," said Councilor Robert Rossi at the Monday night meeting. "We've taken every reasonable safety measure."

Not all Council members agreed.

Ms. Letellier said she spoke with the town's safety officer who was still concerned about the left turn onto Main Street. "In the existing plans, there is no enforcement," she said.

"Due to all the traffic problems that already exist there, I do agree with Councilor Letellier - that's a nightmare already," said Councilor Joseph Mineo. "And we had bad weather this year - traffic is going to increase next year."

"What are we going to do, stop every business on Main Street because of Six Flags traffic?," asked Councilor Anthony Bonavita. "There are problems. We have to address them. Nothing will ever be perfect in that situation until Six Flags builds its own bridge or has off-site parking."

The council voted seven to four to grant the request. Construction on the project is expected to begin in early spring.

Dissenting councilors were Mineo, Ms. Letellier, George Bitzas, and Dennis Perry.

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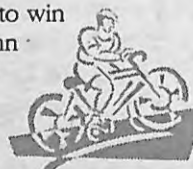
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## Resident Has Nothing But Praise For Heritage Woods

To The Editor:

Recently, I was reading a newspaper article in regards to elderly healthcare. It is important to realize that they used the frightening word "crisis." This is the prompting reason for my writing this editorial.

I was temporarily a resident at Heritage Woods. There are no words to express my appreciation for the wonderful care that I received while I was there. They have a wonderful staff. They care, are friendly, and I never saw a frown. It was always with a smile on their faces and a willingness to help you with your problems.

The building itself has a cheerful office staff. The decorative plants in themselves lift your spirits. The rooms are cheerful, and the housekeepers do a marvelous job. The staff plans events such as attending concerts in town.

Also, the long hours are broken up with Bingo, card games, and movies on Saturday night. They keep you strong with exercises. Genesis is a big support, with blood pressure checks whenever you need it; keeping track of your weight; and assisting with measures (including transportation and aid taking showers).

I think after reading this you will agree that Heritage Woods deserves an A+ rating, and I will always remember the wonderful month I spent there.

Jessie Fuller  
Agawam

## Melconian Announces Program To Protect Victims' Privacy

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) reminded victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and rape that they can register to vote for the upcoming election without disclosing their current address through the Voter Registration Confidentiality Program. "Victims of sexual assault and domestic violence must be able to exercise their constitutional rights without fear that they will expose themselves to further danger from their attacker," said Melconian. "This recent law will make it possible for victims to vote in a safe and secure manner."

Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault often still live in fear of their attacker. Some have moved or changed jobs in order to remain undetected. Because of this fear, these victims were often reluctant to register to vote because it made their address part of the public record.

The law, passed in 1998, eliminates this problem and allows victims to register to vote and respond to the local census while maintaining the confidentiality of their address. To demonstrate eligibility under the new law, a rape, sexual assault, or domestic abuse victim has to obtain an affidavit from a police chief, and present the affidavit to their town or city clerk when registering to vote.

"This is an important election in a generation, and crime victims deserve a say in its outcome," said Melconian. "I urge eligible victims to take advantage of this program by registering to vote confidentially."

For additional information on this program and the upcoming election, contact Secretary of State William Gavin's elections division at (617) 727-2828.

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# After Public Hearing, Council Again Passes Quarterly Tax Plan

by Hope E. Murray  
Municipal Writer

Town Council voted Oct. 16 to accept the resolution to change from a semi-annual to a quarterly tax. The vote came after a public hearing was held where more people spoke against the change than in favor of it.

Town Council voted to accept the resolution a month ago, but rescinded that vote Oct. 2 in order to receive more public input.

Councilors Robert Rossi and Richard Morassi voted against the resolution while the rest of the council voted for the change.

Some residents who opposed the change suggested people could voluntarily pay their taxes quarterly or even monthly now, even though bills are sent semi-annually.

Town Treasurer-Collector Laurel Placzek said that legally, she cannot collect a tax

until it has been committed by the assessor. The assessor commits tax bills one month before the due date.

She added that a few people who do choose to pay before the bills are sent can make a payment to the treasurer. That money is entered under miscellaneous receipts and a handwritten note to transfer that money once bills are sent is made. However, Placzek stressed that she cannot collect payment before it is committed and said that until bills are sent, there is nowhere within the tax receipt account to document a payment.

Placzek spoke in favor of the resolution.

"Quarterly tax bills would make it easier for taxpayers on a fixed income to budget and pay their tax bills," she said.

Some people expressed concern that they would lose money on quarterly taxes and that budgeting is the answer.

"My husband and I are both retired," said Agawam resident Mary Broadhurst, who opposed the change. "We do have fixed incomes. By putting money aside

each month, it doesn't hurt nearly as much as it would if we waited until the last minute."

Placzek said she surveyed all the banks in Agawam and said there would be a small loss in taxpayers' accrued interest.

"For taxpayers who have set tax money aside, there would be a small loss of interest. A taxpayer with an escrow or savings account would forego about \$3.98 per year with quarterly bills. For those with investments in Certificates of Deposit the amount would be about \$6.58 per year," Placzek said.

She added that residents who pay their taxes even just one day late would benefit by the quarterly tax because semi-annual taxes are charged from the date of the bill, not the due date, while quarterly taxes are charged from the due date. A person paying a semi-annual tax one day past the due date will be charged 31 days late fees, which amounts to nearly \$12. A person paying a quarterly tax one day late will be charged 19 cents.

"And we can abate anything under \$5," added Mayor Richard A. Cohen.

One big concern for several councilors was in the spending of nearly \$100,000 in net gain to the town from quarterly taxes. According to Massachusetts General Law, the money must be placed in a general fund. Councilor Anthony Bonavita asked Cohen what areas he would like to see the money appropriated to, adding that he knew the money could not be specifically earmarked.

"I want to see it used for Park and Rec. I want to see the ambulance in Feeding Hills. I want to see a Senior Center," Cohen said. "These things require money."

The revenue, once placed in the general fund, can be appropriated into the next budget and submitted to the council for approval. Placzek said the funds can be budgeted beginning the first year of quarterly taxes, which would be fiscal year 2002.

## Rep. Keenan Slates Office Hours At Agawam Senior Ctr.

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has scheduled office hours at the Agawam Senior Center on Wednesday, October 25th and Wednesday, November 1st from 10:30-12:00 noon, and welcomes all constituents to attend to convey their comments and concerns on issues facing the district and the state.

Representative Keenan is also available to speak and meet with constituents at his district office located at 375 Walnut St. Ext. in Agawam, (413) 786-4545.

## Dept. Of Public Works Announces Connections Deadline

The Agawam Department of Public works announces that October 27, 2000 is the last date for applying for water connections, water connection renewals, sanitary sewer connections, or storm drain connections for installation prior to this winter.

Connections applied for after this date will not be installed until the spring of 2001.

This notice does not apply to the homes in areas where connections have previously been installed to the property line.



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## - Agawam Obituaries -

### RICHARD J. ACKERMAN

Richard J. Ackerman, 86, of 1404 Belle View Boulevard, Alexandria, Virginia, died recently at Mt. Vernon Hospital in that city.

Born and raised in Springfield, MA, he moved to Agawam in 1954 and to Deltona, Florida, in 1979. He moved to Alexandria in 1999.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a former communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society in Agawam. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Florida.

His wife, the former Dorothy McManus, died in 1996, and a son, Patrick Ackerman, died in 1967.

He leaves a daughter, Debra Ackerman of Alexandria, and a sister, Louisa Aldrich of Troy, New York.

The funeral will be held on Saturday morning, October 21st, at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. Calling hours were scheduled for the afternoon and evening of Friday, October 20th.

Memorial contributions may be made to Family Respite Center, 2036 Westmoreland Street, Falls Church, Virginia 22043.

### EDWARD S. BAZANCHUK

Edward S. Bazanchuk, 67, of Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was the owner of Ed's & Sons Remodeling, and he and his wife were foster parents for 30 years.

Born in Westfield, he moved to Feeding Hills in 1978 and was a 1950 graduate of Westfield Trade High School. He was a communicant of Holy Trinity Church in Westfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Joyce Allen; three daughters, Marianne Parady of Russell, Nancy J. Bazanchuk of Feeding Hills, and Laura Murray of Philadelphia; a brother, Walter of Westfield; a sister, Marion Delaney of Easthampton; and seven grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son, Arthur F., and a daughter, Heather J. Bazanchuk.

The funeral was held at Mitchell Funeral Home of

Easthampton, with burial in Center Cemetery, Southampton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, 2 Mount Royal Avenue, Marlborough, MA 01752.

### GEORGE R. DENISON

George R. "Rog" Denison, 91, of 55 Cooper Street, Agawam, and formerly of 55 Pollack Avenue, Pittsfield, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was an engineer in the ordnance department at General Electric Corp. of Pittsfield for 35 years and retired in 1973.

Born in Pittsfield, he was a graduate of Pittsfield High School and Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where he received a degree in engineering.

He lived in Vermont for a short time and on Cape Cod for 12 years, and moved to Agawam last year.

He was a member of Morningside Baptist Church in Pittsfield and served on that city's Planning Board. He also belonged to the Mystic Masonic Lodge since 1938, built Halloween floats for GE, and was an air raid warden during World War II.

He leaves his first wife, the former Edna M. Loomis; two sons, Dr. Buddy L. of Westfield and Timothy R. of Hillsboro, New Hampshire; two daughters, Bonnie L. Nicholas and Candace H. Cadenelli, both of Pittsfield; three sisters, Muriel Jenks of Northampton and Lois McRell and Ruth Whitney, both of Cape Cod; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be scheduled at the convenience of the family. There were no calling hours, and burial was held in Pittsfield Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pleasant Valley Sanctuary, in care of Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

### NAZARE DEPINA

Nazare DePina, 90, of Agawam and formerly of Penns Grove, New Jersey, died recently at a local nursing home.

Born in Portugal, she lived in Penns Grove for many years and was a communicant of St. James Church.

She belonged to the parish's Altar and Rosary

Society and Chapter 4 of the Portuguese Continental Union of the United States.

Her husband, John DePina, died in 1967.

She leaves two daughters, Theresa Salvador of Penns Grove and Mary I. DeMatos of Ludlow; a brother, Antonio Amaral of Brazil; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the church, with burial in Lawnside Cemetery in Pilesgrove, New Jersey. Adams Funeral Home of Penns Grove was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. James Church, State Street and Beach Avenue, Penns Grove, NJ 08069.

### LORENZO FERNANDEZ

Lorenzo Fernandez, 96, of 32 Annable Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a machinist and layout man at Crane Co. (formerly Chapman Valve Co.) for 33 years and retired in 1969.

Born in Milo, Spain, he lived in Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills in 1962. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, a member of the Melha Shrine, and a well-known wood carver.

He served in the Spanish Army during World War II.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary Fusick; a son, Richard, and a daughter, Carol Beardsley, both of San Diego; a stepson, William R. Ferry of Feeding Hills; a sister, Florence Quiapo of Westfield; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Western New England, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058, or Greater Springfield Senior Services, 66B Industry Avenue, Springfield, MA 01104.

### LORETTA M. MESICK

Loretta M. (LaFlamme) Mesick, 95, of 50 Cardinal

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# Big Crowd Attends Cohen's Pasta Supper



A PASTA SUPPER TO SUPPORT Mayor Richard A. Cohen was held recently at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. In top left photo, Cohen greets supporter Gary Winn of Feeding Hills. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Robert Burke, the Town of Agawam's Animal Control Officer, is met at the door of the Polish American Club's pavilion when entering a recent pasta supper supporting Mayor Richard A. Cohen. Burke is met by Cohen's brother, Alan Cohen, and committee members Cali Longtin and Kathy Shafen.

FireWise...

## How To Administer First Aid For Burns

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Burns are a type of injury that requires an immediate first aid response in order to minimize the damage. Unfortunately, over the years many "remedies" have been taught that actually make the burn injury more severe.

The Agawam Fire Department offers the following emergency first aid tips so that you will act properly in the event you witness an accidental burn injury.

\* Stop the burning process! If the person is on fire, have them drop and roll. Wrap them in a rug or blanket, if available.

\* Apply cool water to the burned area, cover the burn with a clean, dry cloth, and get medical help immediately. Cooling a burn is essential because skin will continue to burn even after the fire is out or the heat source is removed. If not cooled immediately, the burn will penetrate deeper into the skin layers. The deeper the burn, the more serious it is ... the longer it takes to heal, the greater the chance of infection, the greater the need for surgery, and the more painful the experience. Cool water should be used to remove the heat; however, don't cool too large a burn ... shock may occur.

\* If the burn is caused by a chemical spill or scald burn, flood the burn with cool water and remove the clothing.

\* Never apply a greasy ointment such as petroleum jelly or butter to a burn. These ointments may hold heat in, making the burn more severe. Do not put ice directly on the skin, and don't pack a burn victim in ice.

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A burn's seriousness is classified as first-, second-  
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MAKING A POINT TO MAYOR RICHARD A. COHEN (left) was Tom Mapes (right) while John Potter looks on at a recent pasta supper held at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills in Cohen's honor.

## Keenan Slates Annual Pasta Dinner, Oct. 26th

Please join State Representative Dan Keenan for an evening of great food at his Annual Pasta Dinner on Thursday, October 26th at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The ticket prices are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

Dan looks forward to the dinner and encourages everyone to bring their appetite.

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Drive, Agawam, died on Friday, October 13th, at home.

Born in Springfield, she lived there for most of her life before moving to Agawam three years ago.

She was a communicant and an original parishioner of Holy Cross Church in Springfield. She belonged to the parish's Women's Club and was an original member of the Hampden County Association for Retarded Children.

Her husband, Ernest L. Mesick, died in 1959, and she was also predeceased by a son, Douglas.

She leaves two sons, Ronald E. of Venice, Florida, and Thomas I. of West Brookfield; a daughter, Judith A. Mesick of Springfield; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and the church, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Association for Community Living, 1 Carando Drive, Springfield, MA 01104.

THOMAS J. ZAMBRANO

Thomas J. Zambrano, 80, of 57 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked at Dental Prosthetics in Westchester, New York, for 30 years and became president before retiring in 1985.

Born in New York City, he lived in Greenwich, Connecticut, for 22 years before moving to Agawam in 1987.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and belonged to its Over-60 Club and the Agawam Senior Center.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a sergeant in the Medical Corp and received a Victory Medal.

His wife, the former Felicia DiBiase, died in 1986.

He leaves three sons, Thomas G. of Long Beach, CA, Paul of Wallingford, CT, and Guy of Norwood; a daughter, Joan Bobrowski of Agawam; a brother, Carl of Delray Beach, FL; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001.

- ADVERTISER NEWS -

Agawam Democratic Committee  
Announces Democrat Of The Year

The Agawam Democratic Committee is pleased to announce that the Democrat of the Year award will be granted to Edward A. "Eddie" Caba in Memorium at its Annual Breakfast on October 22nd at Chez Josef.

In addition to being an active member of the state and local Democratic Party, Caba was a Navy veteran and served Agawam as Town Clerk, Town Manager, City Councilor, Town Councilor, Selectman, Town Meeting member, and on various other boards and committees in town. State Auditor A. Joseph DeNucci, for whom Caba worked for a number of years, will be the guest speaker.

"Eddie was always at the top of the list when we were nominating people as Democrat of the Year, and we always thought we had plenty of time left in which we could honor him. Unfortunately, we waited a year too long," stated Committee President Gina M. Letellier.

Please join us in honoring Ed Caba and thanking his family for his years of dedication to the Democratic Party and the Town of Agawam. Tickets may be purchased from any Democratic Committee member or by calling Maureen Scibelli, Jack Rioni, or Gina M. Letellier. Tickets are \$20 for a fabulous Chez Josef buffet breakfast.

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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 2, 2000 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to Article VII, Agricultural Districts of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, by adding Section 180-37 F which would allow parking and parking lots in the Agricultural District. A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA

LEGAL NOTICE

BY ORDER OF:  
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

Published: October 19, 2000

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## Veterans' Corner...

# Let's Support Donation Drive For Soldiers' Home

by Edward A. Kellogg, Veterans' Agent - 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

We are fast approaching the time of the year where we give thanks for what we have. It is a time of giving and sharing. This year, I would like to give and share with the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke.

How many times have you driven by the Soldiers' Home and admired that majestic building on the hill? Those buildings house our unsung heroes; our warriors of this great nation's past conflicts. These men and women met the calling of their country. Today, they reside there in the Soldiers' Home.

It is my opinion that we not forget these people and the sacrifices they made for the freedoms we have. I am asking you to join with this office and the American

Legion Post 185 to help in our donation drive.

The following items have been requested by the Soldiers' Home. There are two categories of needs - "personal comfort items" and "fun things."

**PERSONAL COMFORT ITEMS:** large can spray deodorant-only; denture cleaner; Poligrip; hairbrushes; wheelchair cup holders; cosmetic bags for women veterans (baby lotion, lipstick, hairbrushes, kneesocks); white socks; afghans; wheelchair bags; writing pads/envelopes; toothpaste; and sweatpants.

**FUN THINGS:** Bird seed; popcorn; popcorn oil; Beano cards; large-print books/magazines; videos; silk plants; used postage stamps; paperback books;

playing cards; tee-shirts (colored - X, XL, XXL); baseball caps; and sweatshirts.

In whatever you may do, you are helping the home live up to its motto of "Care with Honor and Dignity." On behalf of the Veterans' Office, the American Legion Post 185, and the Soldiers' Home, we would like to say thanks for all your support and generosity.

Please drop your donations off at the Veterans' Office (inside Agawam Town Hall, Main Street, Agawam) or the American Legion Post 185 on Springfield Street, Agawam. I will bring these items to the Home in mid-December.

## Compost Bins For Sale To Residents At Town DPW

There's gold in those fall leaves - "black gold," or compost. To make the composting process easier and more affordable than ever, Agawam is offering home composting bins for over 50 percent off retail price. The 11 c.f. compost bin, perfect for two- to four-person households, is being offered for \$15 each, and the 24 c.f. compost bin (the equivalent of about 12 bags of leaves) is available for only \$21 each.

To obtain a discounted compost bin, just stop by the Agawam DPW office between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Act now. Supplies are limited!!

Both sizes of the Brave New Composter are fully

adjustable to best suit your needs. They have a cone-shaped floor and cover, which provide air and moisture to the composting material, requiring a minimum of maintenance while producing compost in about three months. It is made in Massachusetts from 100 percent post-consumer recycled plastic.

The compost bins help hold in heat and moisture, keep animals out, and look more attractive than open compost heaps. Leaves will start to turn to compost in the bins in three to six months. Compost, known as "black gold" to gardeners, replenishes nutrients in the soil, helps retain moisture, makes the soil easy to work, and helps plants resist disease. At the same time, turning your leaves, kitchen scraps, and soiled

paper to compost can reduce your garbage by as much as 50 percent!

Fall leaves are an important ingredient of a compost pile. Without them, a compost pile may become too wet and create odors. Fall is a great time to start composting because the leaves are abundantly available. During the rest of the year, compostable food scraps and grass clippings can be mixed into the leaves, where they will decompose odorlessly.

Questions about composting can be answered by Jayne Smith, Agawam's Recycling Coordinator, by calling 786-0400, ext. 286 or by stopping by the DPW office.

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you.

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# Town Recognizes "Down Syndrome Month"



STATE REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL F. KEENAN (left) and MAYOR RICHARD A. COHEN (right) presented a town proclamation recently to resident Susan Lucia (holding her daughter, April) recognizing "Down Syndrome Month." SEE RELATED PHOTOS ON THE BUDDY WALK. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Town of Agawam participated in the Western Massachusetts Buddy Walk on September 9, 2000 in honor of the observance of Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October; and  
 WHEREAS, The National Down Syndrome Society works and advocates on behalf of people with Down Syndrome, their Families and Mental Health Professionals; and  
 WHEREAS, Said Society sponsors conferences and scientific symposia, offers a video about the care of children and young adults with Down Syndrome, and publishes a newsletter and magazine written by people with Down Syndrome; and  
 WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal abnormality, occurring in one of every 800 to 1,000 births. More than 350,000 people in the United States have Down Syndrome; and  
 WHEREAS, Research and medical advances have enhanced the Health of people with this

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Syndrome and most health problems related to this disorder are now treatable; and  
 WHEREAS, The National Down Syndrome Society encourages and ensures that people with Down Syndrome reach their full potential and become contributing members of the community; and  
 NOW THEREFORE, I, RICHARD A. COHEN, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2000 as Down Syndrome Awareness month.

Richard A. Cohen  
 Mayor

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, and third-degree, depending on how deeply the skin has been damaged.

A first-degree burn appears red and sore, but not blistered. If cooled with water promptly, this burn should heal on its own.

A second-degree burn is blistered and painful. Do not break the blisters. They form a protective covering over the wound.

Third-degree is white, brown, or charred, and may appear painless at first. Because the victim may not feel pain, he or she may refuse treatment. Recognize the need for medical attention and get help.

Both second- and third-degree burns require medical attention. Cool the burn with water, cover with a clean cloth, and keep the victim quiet and warm until the rescue squad arrives. Call the rescue squad at 911.

DO NOT TREAT BURNS YOURSELF. You could cause an infection or lose the use of the burned area permanently. If you are burned seriously, ask to be taken the nearest burn hospital or flown to such a facility.

Do not take burns lightly; complications can be fatal.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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## Families

### Jr. Women's Club To Conduct Food Drive For The Holidays

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is once again conducting its annual food, clothes, and toy drive for needy families in Agawam. The club provides assorted grocery items to needy families during the Christmas holidays.

Last year, due to an overwhelming response from our community, we were able to provide meals to 70 families which included toys and gifts for 150 children within Agawam and Feeding Hills.

We look forward to your generosity again this year. If you wish to donate either new toys or canned goods, we have several drop boxes in both the Agawam and Feeding Hills areas. Locations are at Westfield Savings Bank, Fitness First, Agawam Town Hall, Agawam Public Market, Feeding Hills Public Market, SandCastle Day Care, Agawam Public Library, Coldwell Banker, and the Agawam Public Library.

Please consider buying an extra of something for our needy friends. We are especially looking for the following: canned vegetables; cranberry sauce; stuffing; cereal; cake mixes; soap/toothpaste/brush; paper goods; pasta; canned juice; prepared foods; soups; canned meats.

We will also gladly accept frozen turkeys or canned hams for the baskets.

Any school supplies or Agawam Theater movie tickets as gifts for older children would also be greatly appreciated. For further information regarding these donations, please contact Dee Adams at 786-9085 after 5:00 p.m.

Please keep in mind that by purchasing one extra item for these baskets, you will help to make a family's holiday a little brighter.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

*Our classified ads cost just \$10 per week for 30 words or less; however, we DO NOT take them over the telephone. Please bring them to our office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills Center (above Remillard Insurance Agency), or mail them (along with payment) to P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.*

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PICTURED ABOVE are some of the members of the Agawam Women's Club who will be donating their time and talents as models for the club's Fall Fashion Showcase and Buffet Luncheon. From left to right: Evelyn Mogue, Sandy Muller, Joan Teahan, and Alice Collins.

### Agawam Women's Club To Host Fashion Showcase On Sunday, October 29th

The Agawam Women's Club will host a Fall Fashion Showcase and Buffet Luncheon on Sunday, October 29th from 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam.

Social will be held from noon to 12:30, with luncheon from 12:30-2:00 p.m., and fashion show from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Fashions by Lorraine's Fashion Showcase of Holyoke will include cruise wear, evening, formal, and bridal gowns for your viewing

delight. Many door prizes and three large raffle baskets will be given away.

Donation for the event is \$22 per person, which will help sponsor the Women's Club's many community projects, including local nursing homes, schools, police station, fire station, the historical Leonard House, and even the Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

For tickets and further information, please call 786-3091 or 789-4870.

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## Benefit For Joyce Swales Planned For November 4th

A benefit for Joyce Swales is being held November 4th at the Polish American Club, Route 57, Feeding Hills from 2:00 p.m.-??? Cost is \$25 a ticket and you have a choice of lobster or prime rib dinner, including pig roast, raw bar, live band, D.J., beer, and raffle prizes.

This benefit is being held for Joyce Fullam Swales, a 1960 Agawam High School graduate. She was in South Carolina to attend a family graduation and suffered a massive heart attack. Her son, Jeff, and his wife, Patti, drove to South Carolina to be with her. In order for Joyce to return home, she had to be medically air lifted by MedFlight-Boston for the sum of \$7,500, which was not covered by her insurance. Your support of this benefit to defray these costs by contributing to our raffle would be greatly appreciated.

Please make checks payable to "Benefit for Joyce Swales." For raffle contributions, please call Jeff at (413) 796-7392 or Todd at (413) 237-4312 by Friday, November 3rd. Ticket sales deadline is Friday, October 27th.

## Time/Design Holds Tag Sale To Benefit Women's Fund

Time/Design, a women-run company in Agawam, hosted a Benefit Tag Sale on Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st. Items for sale were donated by the staff at Time/Design, and sold in conjunction with an Inventory Reduction Tent Sale.

Profits from the tag sale, exceeding \$300, were donated to The Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts. All remaining items were then distributed among various charities, including children's toys and items to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief, clothing and accessories to a local church, and miscellaneous other items to the Salvation Army.

Time/Design, the international leader in time management and productivity, is active in many local non-profit organizations as well as the local business community. Time/Design actively supports through involvement and collaboration, the Work Opportunity Center, the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, and Dress for Success.

Local customers include employees of Baystate Health Systems, the Urban League, American Saw & Manufacturing Company, and the Community United Way of Pioneer Valley.

## Tech High Class Of 1965 Plans 35th Reunion

The Tech Tigers Class of 1965 High School Reunion Dinner & Dance will be held at the West Springfield Elks Club at 429 Morgan Road in West Springfield on Saturday, November 18th.

Cocktail hour, with a cash bar, will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Buffet Dinner and DJ at 7:30 p.m. Dinner buffet is \$25 per person, to be prepaid by November 4th. Send check, payable to 1965 Tech High Class Reunion Committee to Suzanne Frennier, P.O. Box 51742, Indian Orchard, MA 01151-5742.

On Friday, November 17th, the Committee will host a Millenium Cocktail Party at 7:00 p.m. at the Pickadilly Pub (former Vincent's Steak House) at 1508 Riverdale Road, West Springfield for the Class of '65 and other Tech alumnae who might like to attend. Cash bar and free hors d'oeuvres. Dinner reservations are recommended.

On Sunday, November 19th, a Champagne Brunch for the Class of '65 will be held at PJ Scott's on Memorial Drive in Chicopee from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Breakfast and luncheon entrees at \$11.95, payable on Sunday to the restaurant.

For more information, please connect to [Classmates.com](http://Classmates.com) or call Joyce at 413-786-9681 or Sue at 413-543-4487.

## Feeding Hills Grange To Host Polish Supper

Community Grange #382 will hold a Polish Supper on Saturday, October 21st, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West St.

The menu will consist of homemade stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, baked beans, vegetable, rye bread and butter, choice of dessert, coffee, tea, juice, or milk. Donation is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Reservations are strongly suggested and can be made by calling Pauline at 789-2061 or Evelyn at 786-0821. If you missed the last one, don't miss this one!

The public is invited to attend. Our supper will be held in memory of our chef, Alexander Sosnowich.

**ALL THE LOCAL NEWS**



STEVEN A. WILMES & KAREN M. CIMINO

## Karen M. Cimino Of Connecticut To Wed Steven A. Wilmes

John F. and Angela Cimino of Cranston, Rhode Island are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen M. Cimino of Pawcatuck, Connecticut to Steven A. Wilmes, also of Pawcatuck. Parents of the future groom are Bob and Marge Wilmes of Feeding Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cranston HS East and attended Rhode Island College. She is employed at MachineWorks at Esses in New London, Connecticut as an assistant controller.

A graduate of Agawam High School and Rensselaer Poly Tech, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering, Steven is employed at James Chemical Engineering in Groton, Connecticut as a chemical engineer consultant.

A May 19, 2001 wedding in Providence, Rhode Island is planned.

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LANA QUINTAL &amp; JASON BRADLEY

## Lana Quintal Engaged To Wed Jason Bradley

David and Kim Quintal of Agawam wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lana, to Jason K. Bradley.

Lana graduated from Agawam High School in 1992 and went on to earn her BFA in Musical Theater from Syracuse University. She is currently playing "Tiffany" on ABC's soap opera, "All My Children," and will be filming her second movie in January.

Jason is originally from Long Beach, California, where his parents, Paul and Pat Bradley, reside. Jason studied Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management at Orange Coast College and also trained abroad. He continued to develop his talent at several top restaurants and is currently employed at Home Restaurant in the West Village of Manhattan.

Lana and Jason will be married on February 24, 2001 at Sturbridge Federated Church with a reception to follow at The Public House Historic Inn. They will then return to New York City to live on Manhattan's Upper East Side.



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#### Getting Rid Of Head Lice

Last week, I explained about head lice. This week, I will explain how to get rid of them in three easy steps; killing the lice, removing the nits, and cleaning up the environment.

**1) Kill the lice.** Keep in mind that the products you will need to eliminate head lice are pesticides, not hair care products. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to follow the manufacturer's directions to the letter, not leaving out any steps. This is going to take a little time and patience, but is the first step to eliminating the problem. Also, take time to read the warning label and follow precautions. The insecticide used in these products kills the louse by damaging its nervous system. About 30 percent of all eggs are unaffected by these killing agents because newly laid eggs have no central nervous system for about four days. This is why reapplication is required in seven-10 days. Treatment begins on dry hair. This is because the chemicals must penetrate into the interior of the louse or egg and is done so through the breathing apparatus (which can be shut down for half an hour or more when immersed in water).

**2) Remove the nits.** This can be difficult and is another reason to repeat the whole procedure again

## The Grenier Family Announces Birth Of Son, Thomas Edward

Lisa & Stephen Grenier would like to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Edward Grenier. Thomas arrived on June 25, 2000 and weighed eight pounds, six ounces.

He is the "lucky 13th" grandchild of paternal grandparents Emile Grenier and the late Virginia Grenier, and is the third grandchild of maternal grandparents Nancy & Vaskin Hachigian of Springfield.

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in seven-10 days. The female louse produces a glue-like substance that literally cements the nits to the hair shaft. The lice egg remover (such as Clear brand) should be applied to wet hair and scalp, lightly massaged, then left on for three to five minutes. Comb hair in one-inch sections with special fine tooth comb until nits are removed. Rinse thoroughly and towel dry hair. Apply a permethrin-based pediculicide (such as Nix brand), following directions exactly. Rinse and comb out the nits using the Clear Nit Comb.

**3) Clean up the environment.** Don't panic! Head lice are not looking to hide from you, but to find a new host to feed them. Some isolated reports showed head lice surviving up to two days without a blood meal and remaining viable for up to 10 days in hot, humid climates. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Pediculosis Association (NPA) recommends that you do not use environmental sprays as they may create more hazards than the lice! Machine wash all bed linens, clothes, towels, etc. in hot water and dry at least 20 minutes on hot cycle in dryer. Store all other exposed items that can't be washed (bike helmets, stuffed toys, headsets with foam ear pieces, etc.) in sealed plastic bags for two weeks. Vacuum carpets and upholstered furniture (include car interiors and car seats), then throw away the bag. Disinfect combs, brushes, barrettes, etc. by soaking them in hot water (130 degrees F.) for 15 minutes.

There is an advice helpline if you have any questions: 1-800-783-1919.

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## Jennifer L. Nardi Engaged To Wed Michael J. Blanchette

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Nardi of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Mr. Michael J. Blanchette. Jennifer is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School. She received her Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Westfield State College and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Criminal Justice Policy & Administration from the University at Albany.

She is employed by the Town of Agawam as a police officer and by Western New England College as an adjunct instructor.

Michael, a 1990 graduate of Chicopee Comp High School, is the son of Mr. Ted Bouchard & Mrs. Shirley Blanchette of Chicopee. He was an active duty Marine for four years, serving in Camp Lejeune, N. C. and Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan. He received his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Curry College and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from WNEC. Michael is employed as a police officer for the City of Chicopee.

The couple is planning a June 2, 2001 wedding with a honeymoon to follow in the Caribbean.



MICHAEL BLANCHETTE & JENNIFER NARDI

## Heritage Hall Seeks Vendors For Holiday Bazaar

Heritage Hall Centers, members of the Genesis ElderCare network, are having their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 18th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The bazaar will take place on the Heritage Hall campus located off of Cooper Street and Main Street.

Vendors are sought to participate in the Bazaar. Tables are \$15 each. Please bring your crafts and help support the residents of Heritage Hall.

In addition to vendors, each of the four campus buildings will be selling craft items and baked goods made by Heritage Hall residents and the community.

If you would like more information, please contact Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services, at 413/786-8000, ext. 217.

Thank you for your support of this worthwhile event.

## Planning A Party?

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**Tuesday, October 24th:** Ziti & meatballs, tossed salad, Vienna bread, mixed fruit.

**Wednesday, October 25th:** Roast turkey w/gravy, stuffing & cranberries, butternut squash, dinner roll, Jell-O w/fruit.

**Thursday, October 26th:** Baked chicken, sweet potatoes, spinach, rye bread, peaches.

**Friday, October 27th:** Baked fish, baked potatoes, cole slaw, rye bread, apple pie.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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## Agawam Rotary To Honor Local Workforce At Awards Breakfast

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The Agawam Rotary Club will publicly recognize each nominee at the first Annual Exemplary Workers' Recognition Awards Breakfast to be held Friday, November 17th from 7:15-9:00 a.m. at Crestview Country Club, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

Linda Northup Vitro, President of the Agawam Rotary Club, will preside over the event. WWLP TV22 News Anchor Barry Kriger will be the keynote speaker. He will have an entertaining and inspiring message. Also present at this event will be Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen, Agawam Town Council President Robert Magovern, and Rotary District 7890 District Governor Frank Wargo.

Nomination forms are available through the Agawam Rotary Club. Contact Club President Linda Northup Vitro at 413/786-8930 or Program Chair Janet Walsh at 413/786-4433.



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## Agawam Women's Club To Meet On Mon., October 23rd

The Agawam Women's Club will meet on Monday, October 23rd, at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be a performance by Jack Rioni, Agawam's "Amazing Magician." His magic will leave you spellbound.

The invocation will be given by Alice Collins.

Hospitality for the evening is being headed by Phyllis Catchepaugh and Doris Maule.

Members are reminded to bring gifts for the baskets and door prizes to be awarded at the Fashion Showcase on October 29th at Chez Josef.

Members are also reminded to bring gifts such as cards, socks, underwear, or personal items for our veterans at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. This project is led by Nancy Smith.

We welcome friends and new members at all of our meetings.

## Agawam Senior Ctr. Announces Upcoming Monthly Dances

The monthly Friday dances at the Agawam Senior Center are from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The cost for the dance is \$6.00, which includes a live band, punch, dessert, and coffee.

The live bands performing and the dates of the monthly Friday dances are as follows:

Friday, Nov. 10th (at Agawam Baptist Church) - The Memories Big Band; and Friday, Dec. 8th - The Richie Mitnick Band.

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# Agawam At The Big E... (continued from last week)



IN LEFT PHOTO: Earl Rivers, Robert Rivers, and Earl Cooley were among the many Agawam/Feeding Hills residents who attended the 2000 edition of The Big E. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Terry Letellier and Mike Masciotra did their part to "help out" at The Big E, which concluded on Sunday, October 1st. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

## Crafters Sought For Holiday Fair

Crafters are needed for Country Estates of Agawam's annual Holiday Craft Fair. The Craft Fair is being held on Friday, November 3rd from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Included in the Craft Fair will be crafts, bake sale, raffles, and holiday gift items. The Craft Fair is open to the public.

Please contact Sue O'Hare or Phyllis Nacewicz at 789-2200 for more details.

## Support Group For Gay/Lesbian Issues

A group providing support and education is now open to the gay and lesbian community and their families and friends.

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield.

For more information, call 786-3232.

Our classified ads cost just \$10 per week for 30 words or less; however, we DO NOT take them over the telephone. Please bring them to our office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills Center (above Remillard Insurance Agency), or mail them (along with payment) to P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030...



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# Agawam At The Big E... (continued from last week)



SANDY LYNCH (RIGHT) AND LOUISE ABDOW, both of Agawam, brave the crowds outside the Central Information booth to sell Mardi Gras beads to fairgoers. The beads were a hugely popular item that expressed the exciting "Carnival" theme at the 2000 edition of The Big E. The festivities at this year's Eastern States Exposition were enhanced by six custom-built Mardi Gras floats that were featured in the daily Grande Parade at 5:00 p.m.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: The Big E is a time for friends to get together, such as Agawam residents Paul Reiprich and Carmine Rossi. IN MIDDLE PHOTO: The various activities at the Eastern States Exposition bring smiles to the faces of fairgoers; just ask Ruth and Wilma Gillan of Feeding Hills. IN RIGHT PHOTO: At the "Leather Classics" booth, Mary Manning and Dorsey Cokkinias (both of Agawam) were on hand to help Big E patrons with their purchases. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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# Church News

## News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and will this week include a special collection of pledges for the Gift & Promise campaign.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Faith: A Quality of Life Issue." The Scripture reading is Revelation 7:9-17. Rick Kretschmar will be Lector.

Ushers will be Sharon and Ben Rozanski. This week's Youth Moment is "The Promise of Tomorrow."

Children, who are invited to attend worship with adults, may leave when indicated for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided for the very young.

Thank you to all who helped with the CROP Walk this successful year! The work of planners, walkers, and sponsors will support our local food pantry as well as missions worldwide.

Teaching Sunday School does not have to be a cause for panic! We extend an invitation to all Christian educators to join us here for a training event that will be held on October 29th from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. This event, sponsored by the Massachusetts Conference, will feature various workshops designed to help improve the Sunday School experience, including "How to teach Sunday School when you are terrified to teach Sunday School!" Pre-registration is recommended. Please call the church at 786-5061 for registration information.

Plans are underway for a Chicken Pie Supper to be held here on Saturday, November 11th. Helpers are needed. Please contact Kathy Rose, Lani Kretschmar, or Bernice Burton on Sunday morning, or call the church office at 786-5061 if you would be able to help.

The Agawam Parish Association will be hosting the third annual Kathy Munley Memorial Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 23rd, at Feeding Hills Congregational Church from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. Everyone in town is invited to be our honored guest.

If you are interested in volunteering to help make this event a success, you may contact Art Theobald, volunteer supervisor, at 789-4271. The next planning meeting will be held at this church on Monday, October 23rd, at 7:30 p.m.

The next in a series of three Adult Spiritual Retreats will take place here on Friday, October 27th, at 7:30 p.m. Previous attendance is not necessary.

Come on in and start putting your spiritual house in order.

On the calendar:

**Friday, October 20th:** 5:00 p.m., Creative Memories.

**Saturday, October 21st:** 8:15 a.m., Agawam Parish Association.

**Sunday, October 22nd:** 10:00 a.m., Gift & Promise/Sunday School; 12:00 noon, Church of Redemption.

**Monday, October 23rd:** 3:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:30 p.m., APA Thanksgiving Committee.

**Tuesday, October 24th:** 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Financial Stewardship Committee.

**Wednesday, October 25th:** 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Choir.

**Thursday, October 26th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

## Calendar From Ag. Congregational

Sunday, October 22nd, is Laity Sunday. Our service begins at 10:30 a.m. with Steve Paul delivering the message. Childcare is available for infants and toddlers. The Senior Choir, under the leadership of Ellen Cogen, will be singing.

Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke (an ecumenical world-wide healing organization) and are available for prayer after the service. Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall.

A new photo directory is being compiled. Sign-ups for appointments with the photographer will be taken each Sunday at Coffee Hour or by calling Ann Woodard at 786-1675.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Wednesday morning. We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship. This is a great time for men to come together and be strengthened.

The Midweek Prayer, Healing, and Communion Service continues on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is an informal service of prayer, communion, and meditation on the healing ministry of Jesus.

Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.: "Wrestling with Angels" - a discussion series that tackles life issues head-on.

The topic will be "Why Is Love So Hard?" The co-leaders are Barbara Eisenbach and Gerry Desroches.

Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.: "Grief Share - Your Journey From Mourning to Joy" is held in the Friendship Room. This is a grief support group being led by Pastor Earl and his wife. There is a video presentation on such topics as "When Your Dreams Fall Apart," "The Session of Grief," and "Growing Through Grief." The series is Christ-centered and Biblically-based, and includes sharing and healing prayer. This is open to all who are struggling with the loss of loved ones.

On October 21st, there will be a Chicken & Biscuit Supper at 5:30 p.m. Call the office at 786-7111 for more information.

On October 29th at 4:00 p.m., the Hampden Association of the United Church of Christ will be installing Rev. Earl E. Eisenbach officially as the Pastor of our congregation.

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on November 18th. We need your help! We are looking for baked goods, candy, craft items, and clothing in mint condition for the Clothes Boutique.

Sunday, November 19th is "Blanket Sunday." Lou & Matt Blackak will be in the Narthex on November 5th, 12th, and 19th to take donations for blankets. These blankets are \$5 and used for the needy in the area and around the world.

Members of the community are invited to participate in all the church events. For further information, the church office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every weekday; call 786-7111.

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## Announcements From Saint John's Church

**SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH:** This is a video presentation by two women who are really gifted teachers. We will start on Thursday night in the Parish Center on **October 26th at 7:00 p.m.** If there is any interest, we will also schedule a daytime program. Why not mark your calendars now and plan to be with us? I am sure you will find it a great learning experience.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS 2000:** Our Candidates for Confirmation will be presented to the Parish Family next Sunday at the 9:30 Mass. We ask the parish for its recommendation on the presentation of these candidates then to Bishop Dupre, who will be here for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday night, **October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** The parish family is most cordially invited to be present for Confirmation.

**PRESCHOOL SUNDAY PROGRAM:** We have begun our *PRESCHOOL PROGRAM* for children ages 3-5 in the lower Church during the 9:30 Mass each Sunday. We hope families will find this a helpful service.

**MILLENNIUM BREAKFAST:** The parish Youth Committee will host the Monthly Millennium Breakfast after the 9:30 Mass NEXT week.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS:** A rehearsal is scheduled for October 25th at 6:30 in the Church.

**2ND ANNUAL YOUTH HAY RIDE:** The 2000 Hay Ride will be **Saturday, October 21st.** For more info, call Debbie Dobrowolski at 786-9676. The young people had a great time last year, and we hope this year's will be even better.

**PARISH PLAY GROUP:** The Parish Play Group meets in the lower Church each Tuesday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For info, call Julianne Rossi at 786-3744.

**PARISH WEB SITE:** Our WEB SITE has been completed and is up and running. The NEW Ministry Schedules are posted should you lose your printed copy. Suggestions are welcomed ... [www.stjohnsevanglistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsevanglistchurch.org)

**GIVING TREE:** It is time to once again to plan for the GIVING TREE, our special Parish Christmas Project. If you are aware of any family in the parish in need of Christmas gifts, please give the name, address, and phone number to Sr. Mary Clare by October 30th. Requests received after this deadline will not be able to be processed this year.

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## Events At Valley Community Church

Valley Community Church extends a warm, friendly welcome to all those who would hear the word of God and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. We are a non-denominational church and invite you to come worship and fellowship with us in our lovely sanctuary at 152 S. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills, MA. We feel our church may meet the needs of you and your family as they start or continue their spiritual journey with Christ.

Valley Community Church offers preaching and teaching that is Christ-centered, bible-based, and life-related. Our services and activities are spiritual and family-oriented and help members discover gifts that allow them to be involved in appropriate areas of ministry and service.

Join us to hear the word of God, to praise His mighty acts, celebrate His many Blessings, and receive His unending power of forgiveness and promise of Eternal Life.

**On the calendar:**

**Thursday, Oct. 19th:** 10:00 a.m., Christian Education Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Open Bible Time; 8:00 p.m., Parish Life Meeting.

**Sunday, Oct. 22nd:** 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship

Service (with Junior Worship and Nursery available); 10:30 a.m., Fellowship and refreshments; 11:00 a.m., Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

**Monday, Oct. 23rd:** 9:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Ladies Bible Study.

**Wednesday, Oct. 25th:** 7:00 p.m., Senior Choir Rehearsal.

**Thursday, Oct. 26th:** 7:00 p.m., Praise & Prayer Service.

(Coming up - Friday, Oct. 27th: Parish Life Potluck Supper & Halloween Party.)

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Valley Community Church is located just off the Rt. 57 turn-off or heading south just three-tenths of a mile from Feeding Hills Center.

Plan a visit this Sunday and witness the beauty of God's creation with a spectacular view of the fall foliage and join us in celebration, praise, and His holy house.

For further information, directions, or if you wish to speak personally with our shepherd Pastor Gene deJongh, call (413) 786-2445.

## Agawam UNICO To Hold 18th Annual Memorial Mass On Sunday, November 5th

On November 5th, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will hold its 18th Annual Memorial Mass for its departed members.

The Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Agawam. The Rev. William C. Rousseau, Administrator of both St. Anthony and St. Theresa Churches will be the celebrant.

The St. Anthony Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Joanne Beltrandi, will provide the music for the Mass.

Family members and friends of departed UNICO members are invited to attend the Mass and the

luncheon that will be held after the Mass in the St. Anthony of Padua Church hall. Forty-seven departed members will be remembered during the Mass.

If anyone has any questions regarding the Memorial Mass, they may contact Lou Scherpa at 786-0203 or Dick DiLullo at 786-0699.

UNICO National is an Italian-American service organization. It was founded in 1922 and the Agawam chapter was chartered in 1962.

The club holds several fundraisers throughout the year to support its many charitable causes.

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*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.  
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### Believe And Receive!

Some 700 years before Jesus was born, the Holy Spirit gave a prophet named Isaiah several visions concerning Him. One vision, which is somewhat well-known, was about how the promised Messiah would appear. *All right then, the Lord Himself will choose the sign - a child will be born to a virgin! And she shall call Him Emmanuel (meaning, "God with us").* As well, Isaiah wrote, *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. These will be His royal titles: "Wonderful," "Counselor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," "The Prince of Peace."* His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule with perfect fairness and justice from the throne of His father David. He will bring true justice and peace to the nations of the world. This is going to happen because of the Lord of heaven's armies has dedicated Himself to it!

Isaiah foresaw more than just the beginning of the Messiah's life. He foresaw the end of the earthly life of the Messiah. He also foresaw the purpose of the Messiah's earthly life.

*See, my Servant shall prosper; He shall be highly exalted. Yet many shall be amazed when they see Him - yes, even far off nations and their kings; they shall be dumbfounded, speechless in His presence. For they shall see and understand what they have not been told before. They shall see my Servant beaten and bloodied, so disfigured one would scarcely know it was a person standing there. So He shall cleanse many nations.*

*But, oh, how few believe it! Who will listen? To whom will God reveal His saving power? In God's eyes He was like a tender green shoot, sprouting from a root in dry and sterile ground. But in our eyes there was no attractiveness at all, nothing to make us want Him. We despised Him and rejected Him - a man of sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief. We turned our backs on Him and looked the*

*other way when He went by. He was despised and we didn't care.*

*Yet it was our grief He bore, our sorrows that weighed Him down. And we thought His troubles were a punishment from God, for His own sins! But He was wounded and bruised for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace; He was lashed - and we were healed! We - every one of us - have strayed away like sheep! We, who left God's paths to follow our own. Yet God laid on Him the guilt and sins of every one of us!*

*He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He never said a word. He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He stood silent before the ones condemning Him. From prison and trial they led Him away to His death. But who among the people of that day realized that it was their sins He was dying for - that He was suffering their punishment? He was buried like a criminal, but in a rich man's grave; but He had done no wrong, and had never spoken an evil word.*

*But it was the Lord's good plan to bruise Him and fill Him with grief. However, when His soul has been made an offering for sin, then He shall have a multitude of children, many heirs. He shall live again and God's program shall prosper in His hands. And when He sees all that is accomplished by the anguish of His soul, He shall be satisfied; and because of what He has experienced, my righteous Servant shall make many to be counted righteous before God, for He shall bear their sins.*

Some people have tried to suggest this passage is about somebody other than the Messiah. Perhaps they want to deny the passage, again, written 700 years before Jesus was even born, is about the Messiah because it so perfectly describes what happened to Jesus.

Those who would argue that Isaiah was not speaking about Jesus are left to try to explain who Isaiah was writing about. It's been almost 3,000 years, and so far, no one else fills the bill.

For the rest of us, we should consider not only the startling fact that Isaiah so aptly described the birth, the life, the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ 700 years prior to His birth; we should consider the ministry of Jesus as well. Ought we not be counted among the few Isaiah referred to, who believed and received the blessings God gives us through the long promised Messiah, Jesus Christ?

## Activities At St. Anthony's & St. Theresa's

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- \* Monday-Wednesday: 9:00 a.m., St. Theresa.
- \* Thursday: 7:00 p.m., St. Theresa.
- \* Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m., St. Anthony.
- \* Saturday: 4:30 p.m., St. Theresa.
- \* Sunday: 8:30 a.m., St. Anthony; 11:00 a.m., St. Theresa.
- \* Holy Day Vigil: 6:00 p.m., St. Anthony.
- \* Holy Day: 9:00 a.m./6:00 p.m., St. Theresa.
- \* Rosary: One half-hour before daily Mass.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- \* Sunday, October 22nd: 9:15 a.m., CCD.
- \* Monday, October 23rd: 7:00 p.m., CCD.
- \* Wednesday, October 25th: 7:00 p.m., Cantata Rehearsal at St. Anthony's.
- \* Thursday, October 26th: 7:30 p.m., 4:30 Choir Rehearsal at St. Theresa's.
- \* Sunday, October 29th: 9:15 a.m., CCD.
- \* Monday, October 30th: 7:00 p.m., CCD.
- \* Tuesday, October 31st: 6:00 p.m., Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints at St. Anthony's.
- \* Wednesday, November 1st: 9:00 a.m., Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints at St. Theresa's; 6:00 p.m., Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints at St. Theresa's.
- \* Thursday, November 2nd: 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal for the combined choirs at St. Anthony's.
- \* Saturday, November 4th: 5:15 p.m., Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner (1st sitting); 6:15 p.m., Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner (2nd sitting).

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All we like sheep have gone astray; ... and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. -- Isaiah 53:6

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Whom does God the Father hold responsible for what happened there? Shall we indict the religious leaders who plotted the Savior's execution? Pilate, the spineless Roman governor? The callous soldiers who nailed Jesus to the cross? The fickle multitude who clamored for His blood? All these, to be sure, share the guilt.

The great artist Rembrandt captured the truth of Scripture in one of his paintings. It depicts Christ on the cross, with a mob surrounding Him. In the shadows at the edge of that appalling scene stands a man. Who is it? Rembrandt himself! By including himself, the artist confessed that he too was responsible for the Savior's death.

Have we acknowledged that Jesus bore our guilt on the cross? (Isa. 53:6). Because we all have sinned, the whole race of rebellious transgressors is responsible for the crucifixion as much as the soldiers who did the grisly execution.

Let us, then, take our place alongside Rembrandt. Only let's not stand there. Let's kneel in contrite gratitude. --VCG

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## News From Faith Bible Church

We wish to thank all those that came out to our tag sale this past weekend. We met many wonderful people and sold a lot of items. Many people also got to see our new addition on our building, which is what the tag sale helped with.

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Friday, October 20th is our pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome and bring your favorite dish to share with all. There is always quite an assortment to choose from and more than enough to go along with dinner.

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Our teens are providing an alternative to trick-or-treating on October 31st at the church. Halo Eve will

provide fun, food, games, prizes, face painting, moon-walk, and more for all children. It will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at 370 Shoemaker Lane and admission is free to all.

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Women's Bible Study is continuing on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 at the church and nursery is always provided.

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On November 5th, we will be changing from two services to only one at 10:30 a.m., with an adult Sunday School started at 9:30 a.m. With our new addition, this will provide the room needed to only hold one service again.

## Chicken Pie Supper At Feeding Hills Congregational

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a Chicken Pie Supper, mini-bazaar, and food sale on Saturday, November 11th.

The menu will include chicken pie, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans almondine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls and butter, homemade apple or squash pie, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children under eight, preschool age children are free, with continuous servings from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

For reservations, call Mrs. Betty Bava at 786-0679 or Mrs. Barbara Swanson at 786-5732.

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## Donations Sought For West Side Parish Cupboard

The Parish Cupboard in West Springfield currently needs donations of school supplies, socks, fall and winter clothing (in good condition), and personal care products.

Donations may be dropped off between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. any weekday except Wednesday. On Wednesday, the Parish Cupboard is open from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Donors are asked to bring food donations during business hours ONLY. Clothing donations can be left in the bin on the Bridge/Main Street corner of the building anytime.

Monetary donations can be mailed to the Parish Cupboard, 1023 Main Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

The Parish Cupboard serves anyone in the dining room, and gives emergency food to citizens from Agawam, Feeding Hills, West Springfield, and Southwick.

## Events At First Baptist Church In Agawam

Our Youth Director, Steve Bailey, will lead us in worship this Sunday. "Fire" is the title of his sermon, and he will be reading from I Corinthians chapter 3.

Following worship, there will be an opportunity for fellowship and coffee. Then there will be Church School classes for all ages.

Two opportunities for adult study are offered: the Bible class and the "All Ears" Christian music appreciation class (during which members will hear and discuss several Christian musical pieces).

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The Hand Bell Choir rehearses each Thursday morning at 10:00, and our Youth Group meets each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

The Handiwork Group will meet at 2:00 on Thursday at the home of Dorothy Major, and the Thursday evening Bible Study will also meet at her home at 7:00 p.m.

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Visitors are always welcome. For more information, please call the church office at 786-7300 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

## Bethany Church Offers Clothing To The Needy

Bethany Assembly of God, located at Route 57 and Main Street, invites individuals and families who are in need of clothing to visit the church on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Carole and Ron DeMatteo, who manage the free service of community outreach, said the small but busy facility also offers other donated items such as bedding, shoes, toys, and games.

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## Spotlight on Business

### Medical West Assoc. Becomes RiverBend Medical Group

Medical West Associates, the area's largest and most comprehensive private physician practice, recently announced its new name — RiverBend Medical Group. The new name, which reflects the organization's close proximity to the Connecticut River, will immediately be incorporated in all marketing, advertising, and other communications materials.

"Due to the rapidly changing health care market in Western Massachusetts, we felt the need to expand our image and commitment to the people we serve," said Robert Lounsbury, M.D., president of RiverBend Medical Group, P.C. "Our new name reflects the flavor of the towns in which we are located - Chicopee, Agawam, Springfield, and Westfield. Our goal remains the same — to provide our patients with the doctors they choose and comprehensive family-oriented care."

To celebrate the new name, ceremonies were scheduled to take place at RiverBend's various locations: on Wednesday, Oct. 18th at 1:30 p.m. at RiverBend Medical Group's Chicopee office, 444 Montgomery Street, Chicopee; on Thursday, Oct. 19th at 10:30 a.m. at the Agawam office, 230 Main St., Agawam and at 1:30 p.m. at the Springfield office, 305 Bicentennial Highway, Springfield; and on Friday, Oct. 20th at 10:30 a.m. at the Westfield office, Hampton Ponds Plaza, 1029 North Rd., Westfield. The mayors from each of the respective locations were scheduled to be on hand, as well as other local dignitaries.

RiverBend Medical Group serves more than 55,000 patients throughout the Pioneer Valley. Its nearly 600 employees include 70 physicians and 30 nurse practitioners and physician assistants. RiverBend's private physicians offer specialties that range from pediatrics to geriatrics, preventive care to urgent care, and allergies to x-rays.

At Carlson GMAC Real Estate...

### "Great Pumpkin Giveaway" Slated For Saturday Oct. 21st

Carl McKenzie, manager of the Agawam/Feeding Hills sales office of Carlson GMAC Real Estate, is pleased to announce the Great Pumpkin Giveaway.

In the spirit of the season, area children are invited along with a parent or guardian to stop by the Agawam/Feeding Hills office located at 14 South Westfield Street from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21st, to receive a free pumpkin. One pumpkin will be available for each child accompanied by a parent or guardian. Residents are encouraged to come early as supplies are limited.

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### Loren Forastiere Named Director Of Finance & Administration For Forastiere Funeral

Frank A. Forastiere, speaking for the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes, proudly announces the promotion of his daughter, Loren M. Forastiere, to Director of Finance and Administration in addition to her present position of Office Manager. Her new responsibilities will include maintaining the budget, overseeing the operation of the office and the computer system, as well as being involved in the staff training program.

Loren was employed part-time in the funeral home office while attending high school and college. She became a full-time employee in June 1990. She is a graduate of Western New England College in 1997, with a B.A. degree concentrated in Finance and Management. She plans to return to WNEC in January as a part-time student to obtain her master's degree in General Business.

When asked what made her become involved with funeral service and join the family business, her response was, "While working part-time with my dad, my uncle, Peter Forastiere, and my grandparents, Anthony and Sylvia Forastiere, I saw the pride they took in their work. Being a family working together made me appreciate the family business. Seeing my mother, Lila, involved in bereavement workshops made me explore my feelings about helping other families.

"But, most of all," she continued, "seeing my grandmother, Sylvia, involved in the business office made me realize there was more to funeral service than being a funeral director. I realized there might be a place for me in that area. My grandmother was my role model."

This sparked her interest in the financial side of the business. "I found it beneficial working and going to college, and being able to apply what I was learning to the actual business," Loren stated. This made her realize where she wanted to be. Also, seeing her cousin, Mathew Forastiere (Peter's son), coming into the business, she found it reassuring that the family business will continue.

When asked about her feelings regarding funeral service, her response was, "I believe funeral service is a critical field to be in because we are who families count on in their time of need and we only have one opportunity to get things right. Because of the level of service we provide, to be successful, it takes everyone from the housekeeping staff to the funeral director. We are team-oriented and could not get results without the efforts of our well-trained staff. It is critical to memorialize and personalize each service for each individual family. As no two people are alike, no two funerals are alike."



LOREN M. FORASTIERE

A recent Agawam resident, having purchased a condominium at Beekman Place last year, she chose to live in Agawam because it is a "friendly community" and she likes the demographics of the town. She expects to become very active in the community and at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home in Agawam, as well as the other locations.

She enjoys spending time with family and friends, especially her three married sisters. Her parents, Frank and Lila Forastiere, also reside in Agawam in the Castle Hills development.

Asked about her goals in her professional life, she responded, "My goal related to funeral service is to continue serving families with quality service, embracing change, and moving forward with it." Her personal goals are to do more traveling and trying new things as they come.

Regarding hobbies and special interests, she enjoys making charcoal drawings and refinishing furniture. She is an avid reader of mystery and suspense stories, enjoys cooking and hiking, and is an advocate of physical fitness (as she teaches kick-boxing and aerobics at WNEC).

A very diversified person, she brings a fresh look to the staff at Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

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# WNEC Taps Stephen A. Roulier For Advertising And Publicity Post



STEPHEN A. ROULIER

Dr. Anthony Caprio, president of Western New England college, has announced that Stephen A. Roulier of Feeding Hills has been named Advertising and Publicity Coordinator at WNEC. Roulier will oversee the dissemination of news information to external and internal media sources, and coordinate placement of all print, radio, television, and electronic advertising.

Roulier comes to Western New England College with more than 15 years of experience as a broadcast and print journalist. Most recently, he was a sports anchor and reporter at WWLP-TV22 since July of 1989. Previously, he worked as a reporter and anchor at W18AE TV in Killington, Vermont, WNNE TV in White River Junction, Vermont, and WGEM TV in Quincy, Illinois.

Roulier holds a bachelor of science in communications from Castleton State College in Vermont and is a graduate of Hoosac Valley High School in Adams.

An active volunteer in the Springfield area, Roulier is a spokesperson for Griffin's Friends Children's Cancer Fund, the Massachusetts Special Olympics, and the American Heart Association. He has earned

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several AP and regional journalism awards and is a voting member of the John Wooden Award, which annually honors the country's best college basketball players.

Commenting on the appointment, Barbara Campanella, director of marketing and communications at the college, said, "We're delighted to have Steve join our strong team of marketing professionals. His widely known experience and reputation for journalistic excellence and outstanding record of leadership in the community will contribute immeasurably to the attainment of several goals in our institution's strategic plan."

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### PREMISES LIABILITY Elevator - Negligent Maintenance

Twelve days after starting a part-time job as a custodian at the Museum of Fine Arts, the plaintiff opened a manual door on an elevator, and assuming the elevator was present, stepped into space.

The plaintiff fell 20 feet and landed in a sitting position, suffering a burst fracture of the L-2 vertebrae. He was removed from the scene and transported to the hospital, where he underwent a fusion of the L-1 through L-3 vertebrae.

He went on to have a reasonable recovery, but the physical limitations presented by his injury and resulting surgery prevented him from being able to return to his full-time job. Despite his injury, he went on to obtain his G.E.D. and is now attending college.

At trial, the plaintiff argued that he suffered a substantial diminution of his earning capacity - in excess of \$1.1 million. Medical specials on the case were approximately \$57,000.00; there is no evidence of

future medical expenses.

Through extensive discovery, it was determined that there had been a problem with the elevator's mechanical door locks. Under the contract between the museum and the defendant elevator-company, the elevator-company was obligated to repair and/or replace parts "as conditions warrant." The plaintiff's liability expert testified that the elevator door locks were the problem and needed to be replaced.

The defendant introduced contrary testimony through its elevator expert. Plaintiff's counsel was able to establish through cross-examination that they could have replaced the door locks, parts, and labor included, for less money than they were paying the defense expert.

After testimony by the last witness, the defendant's liability expert, the jury returned a verdict that included \$7.1 million for pain and suffering and \$840,834.00 for loss of consortium. The case had gone to the jury on a high-low agreement at substantially lower numbers and the plaintiff received the "high."

The plaintiff was awarded \$1,835,834.00 for injury and loss of consortium and \$1.2 million in special damages.

**Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.**

property, real or personal, belonging to or acquired by either party, except: (a) as required for reasonable expenses of living; (b) in the ordinary and usual course of business; (c) in the ordinary and usual course of investing; (d) for payment of reasonable attorney's fees and costs in connection with the action; (e) by written agreement of both parties; or (f) by Order of the Court.

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## Domestic Law Issues...

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## Keenan & Molta Associates Receive Seniors Specialist Designation

Now even more Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates are equipped to serve senior clients. Three more agents join more than a dozen who've already received the Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES) designation.

**Barbara Adornato** and **Barbara Clark** of the Longmeadow office and **Priscilla Harman** of the Agawam office have just completed the training. "We now have 17 agents who are specially qualified to help seniors make important decisions about their homes," says Bob Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates.

When seniors and their families consult with one of these Realtors, they will be helped by a professional who understands their unique concerns. Seniors Real Estate Specialists are trained to help seniors make wise decisions about selling the family home or buying rental property. The specialists also assist their

clients in managing capital gains and tax issues, moving to a senior community, and more.

The SRES designation is offered by the Senior Advantage Real Estate Council which tracks the needs of senior property owners and provides training to Realtors. Since the designation was introduced in 1997, more than 3,000 Realtors in the United States and Canada have joined the Council.

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*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!*

## Travel Talk...

by Lori Keeley, CTC  
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### Planning A Family Reunion

It is estimated that over 200,000 families hold reunions in the United States each year. So why not plan a family reunion on a cruise ship? Cruise ships offer the convenience of special pampering, exotic destinations, activities for all age groups, and a wide variety of food for the very young to the very young-at-heart. Listed below are some tips for planning the best family reunion on a cruise ship.

1. Plan early, plan often. Keep your travel agent abreast of any alterations.

2. Appoint a family cruise director, choose the one in the group who is very organized, has a computer, fax, etc... to get the word out quickly and efficiently.

3. Spring for a suite. Pool all the resources for a suite to be used as "family central," where the family can get together.

4. Be open to adventure. Go with the flow. If the majority of the group wants to try something new, be a sport.

5. Time it right. Choose a cruise that is long enough for everyone to unwind but not so long that everyone gets tired of each other.

6. Book your vacation with an experienced travel agent.

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*Grand Opening Slated For Nov. 2nd...*

## Keenan & Molta Open New Office In Longmeadow

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates has announced that a Grand Opening will take place at its new office at 136 Dwight Road in Longmeadow. The event will take place on November 2nd from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

The new Longmeadow/Springfield office will be home to more than 40 agents.

"We're excited about this Grand Opening. The new office will truly be a one-stop shopping center for our real estate customers," says Bob Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates.

The 5,000 square-foot facility houses a media center where customers can scan through available properties by computer and see the listings on an oversized monitor.

The office also houses the company's Relocation and Mortgage Divisions. Customers interested in building their own home will also find assistance here through Keenan & Molta's Homes Division.

The new office is a state-of-the-art place to work for the company's agents who have the latest technology at their fingertips.

This will help each Keenan & Molta agent serve his or her clients more efficiently.

The new office was opened in early September after the company moved out of its former Springfield and Longmeadow offices to consolidate its services and agents at the new location.

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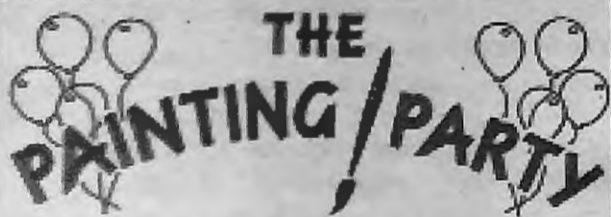
Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

1. Meet with your contractor before any work begins to discuss schedules, daily clean-up, bathroom access, smoking, music, and other conduct issues.
2. Establish starting and quitting times, and let any family and/or neighbors that may be affected know the schedule.
3. Find out if any utilities will need to be turned off and for how long.
4. Protect belongings by moving furniture and breakables out of harm's way before the project begins.
5. Keep a door unlocked or provide your contractor with a key.
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# Buddy Walk 2000... A Huge Success!!!

Western Massachusetts families and individuals that have Down syndrome received an incredible welcome from the Town of Agawam. Individuals with Down syndrome joined their families, friends, and the Western Massachusetts community to walk on September 9, 2000. Last year, the walk had approximately 300 walkers. **Buddy Walk 2000** had over 400 walkers.

This was the third annual walk that had been here in Agawam. "This year, I made the walk more educational," said Susan Lucia, Buddy Walk organizer. "Information was out on tables on Down syndrome. Western Massachusetts Buddy Walk is here to educate the community about the potential of people with Down syndrome," she said.

Down syndrome is a chromosomal abnormality affecting more than 350,000 people in the United States. Chromosomes contain the directions that tell your body how to grow. These directions tell your body what color your eyes and hair will be, how big your nose will be, whether you will be a good singer, and many other things. When a person has an extra chromosome, it mixes up their body's directions a little. That is why people with Down syndrome look a little different and have to try harder to learn. Nobody knows why some babies are born with Down syndrome, but we know that it is nobody's fault. People who have Down syndrome possess a wide degree of abilities. They are active participants in the educational, occupational, social, and recreational activities in our community.

"I asked Representative Daniel Keenan to read the proclamation, which he very graciously read, to kick-off the Buddy Walk," said Lucia. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts stamped this Proclamation: *For Western Massachusetts, the month of October is proclaimed: "National Down Syndrome Awareness Month."*

Sponsors of the Buddy Walk 2000 included the Outback Steakhouse on Riverdale Rd. in West Springfield, which so graciously donated everything. Ron Ruller and his own staff volunteered their time and Outback Steakhouse grilled delicious boneless chicken and outstanding hamburgers with all the fix-ins' and a bag of chips. Hood donated juices; Aqua Cool, many gallons of water and cups; McDonald's, juice, 500 certificates for free fries, and a raffle donation; Gary Turnbull Electrical, a 20x30 tent from Bob's Tents in Agawam; A.G. Miller, Inc., signs to mark off route of walk and a truck for rental pick-ups; and the Springfield Falcons hockey team donated their time.

"We applaud all of you who had a part in this Buddy Walk 2000," said Lucia, "including the Arc of Franklin County; National Down Syndrome Society; National Down Syndrome Congress; Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress; Taylor Rental of West Springfield; Channel 22 and Channel 40 (for wonderful coverage); Fire Control, Inc. of Agawam (fire extinguishers); Agawam Fire & Police Depts.; DARE Officer Karen Langevin. Also, the Agawam cheerleaders; Mayor Richard Cohen; Linda Mercadante; Representative Keenan; Pastor Curtis Rowe (picking up and dropping off grills and tables at Taylor Rental); Jeannette Smith (all her time for putting photos in pins for people to wear); Christine Johnson (taking care of April all day); Robin & Mason Dunn-McDonagh (registration table & booth at Police Dept. for refreshments); Lee Robbins; Ginny & Scott Starzic (registration tables); plus many others who helped without even thinking about it," she continued. "A HUGE thank you goes out to everyone who helped during the rain to put everything into trucks and bring raffle stuff in the school. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the janitors of the Agawam High School. Their help was so greatly appreciated," said Lucia.

Western Mass. families presented plaques this year to recognize the outstanding help to promote the potential of people with Down syndrome over the last few years. The plaques went to *The Town of Agawam, Representative Daniel Keenan, The United ARC of Franklin & Hampshire Counties, Inc., and Outback Steakhouse & Employees.*



**THE BUDDY WALK** that supported "Down Syndrome Month" was recently held in town and began at Agawam High School. Above, walker Tim Curran (left) and Judy Rowley (right) hold Erin Curran's hand. Looking on is the Brown family - Barbara, Dan, Matthew (in stroller), and Amber.



**GETTING READY TO BEGIN** the recent Buddy Walk (left photo) were Susan Lucia (organizer) and Anne and Olivia Saimeri. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** April Lucia is as happy as a lark at the recent Buddy Walk, which supported "Down Syndrome Month."



"Western Mass. families would like to thank all of our families, friends, and sponsors for their generous contributions," Lucia commented, "which ultimately allowed this walk to happen. Several sponsors allowed us to provide free T-shirts to all participants. They were Lucia Lumber, McDonald's, Aqua Cool, Fred C. Froebel Insurance Agency, Chartier's General Carpentry, United Cooperative Bank, Berkshire Power Development, Field, Eddy & Bulkley, Inc., A.W. Hastings & Co., and "Outback Steakhouse" of West Springfield. There were lots of other businesses and individuals who also had a very big part in this, also," commented Lucia. "Lucia Lumber of Agawam donated bubble pens so the kids and the kids-at-heart could blow bubbles as they walked."

There was a raffle again this year. Many businesses in Western Massachusetts donated gift certificates for restaurants, gifts, Beanie Babies, and get-away packages, including The Inn in Northampton, Peter Pan Bus Lines, and Frances D. Kelly Massage. The

proceeds from the raffle were divided in half and sent to Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress, which benefits our whole state, and to the National Down Syndrome Society, which is doing research on all people who have Down syndrome. The Buddy Walk Raffle would also like to recognize Laurie Houle-Isham, Paul Williams, and Rene Boissy, who helped to sell tickets, and Kevin Williams, for calling ALL those ticket numbers off.

"I especially want to thank my loving and very understanding husband, Steve, and kids, Steve, Chris, and April," said Lucia. "If it wasn't for their love, encouragement, understanding, and support, this very successful Buddy Walk would not be here. Our daughter, April, is a very important part of our family. She has shown us so much of what true love and real determination is."

"A special thank you goes out to Lucia Lumber and

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all their employees," she said. "Ray and Joanne Lucia have been a wonderful support to my husband and me throughout these last four years. Through their support, we can see that anything is possible. Just keep your hearts in the right place! With a lot of hard work and determination, you can do anything. Ray and Joanne's granddaughter, April, has a unique capability that no one else has ever taught us," said Lucia.

"We hope that this year, we have a better understanding of Down syndrome," explained Lucia. "I am working on a project for the month of October. I would love for ALL of the Western Massachusetts libraries to help us observe **National Down Syndrome Awareness Month**. I have sent 102 copies of the proclamation that Rep. Keenan read the day of the walk to the Western Mass. Regional Library System (WMRLS). If you get a chance, please go and see if your library has a display on Down syndrome. If not, please let me know by e-mail (SSCA.LUC@worldnet.att.net). If so, please compliment them on a job well done. Reminder, Barnes & Noble near Holyoke Mall, for two weeks in the month of October, will be doing a window display for the Annual Observance of 'National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.' If you get a chance, PLEASE check it out and compliment them, also.


"It is my absolute pleasure to organize this Buddy Walk for Western Massachusetts," said Lucia. Western Mass. families and myself would like to thank EVERYONE for their support by coming out and taking part in the third Annual Buddy Walk. See you next year, Buddy Walk — September 2001."

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Last weekend's high school game resulted in a traumatic compression to the neck of one of Agawam's players, causing an immediate loss of memory and a bad headache afterwards. Future symptoms are a possibility.

## L. John Schinelli Renal Assistance Fund To Host Family Night, Oct. 29th

The L. John Schinelli Renal Assistance Fund, affiliated with Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, is sponsoring a family night on Sunday, October 29th.

Social hour is 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., dinner from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Strolling musicians will greet guests. The event will be held at the Roma Restaurant, 559 College Highway (Rtes. 10 & 202), Southwick.

The dinner will be an Italian buffet consisting of pasta, chicken, sausage and peppers, salad, rolls, coffee, and dessert.

An injury on the football field is very often the same type as that received in an auto crash. The body is frequently struck or badly jarred. Joints are often pushed beyond their limits. Vertebrae in the neck or back can be misplaced or sometimes fractured.

As a chiropractic physician, the emphasis of my concern is on the spinal column. If one or more of the spinal vertebrae are damaged or misaligned, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and impair muscle and organ function. It can cause permanent spinal curvature, which shows up with startling clarity on x-rays of these athletes.

While football is a fine builder of character and body, no football injury should be forgotten until after a competent consultation and examination.

Football is part of an American tradition in education, and it is certainly here to stay. But there is always a price for good things ... and the price of football is occasional injury to the players.

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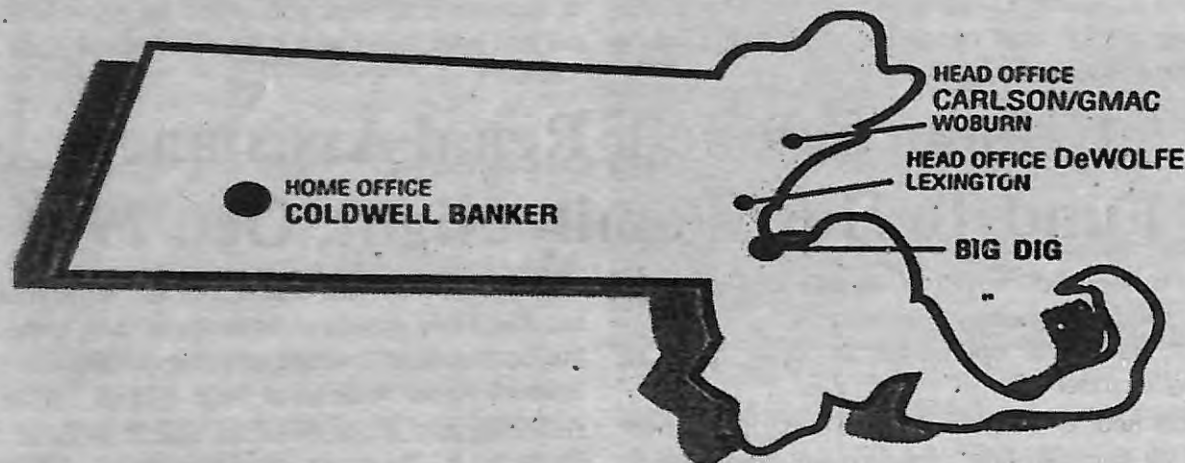
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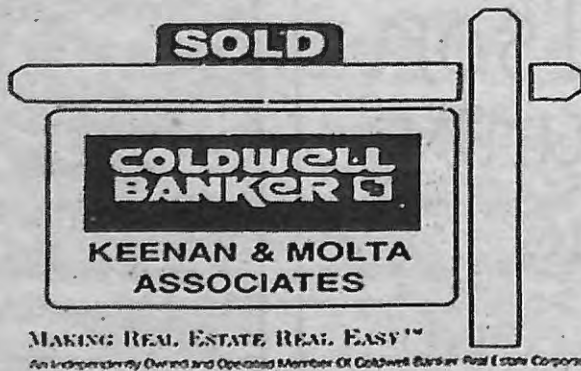


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#### Trusting Another Person is Risky...

I invite your comments, stories, and feedback to what I write each week, never knowing what to expect. Sometimes there is little to no direct feedback, while other times I'm overwhelmed with the response to a particular piece.

I take a risk with you each week. Sometimes I talk about my own current and recent past life experiences that are close to my heart. Last week, I received a number of responses to my piece about the loss of my grandmother. I was touched by your personal stories shared that spoke to the fine line between life and death. I thank you.

Taking a risk can be very helpful to the living process. Yet, not all attempts at risk-taking prove to be so supportive or helpful (at least that's the way it can appear at the moment).

Do you have an experience that comes to mind? You know, the kind of experience you've had when you took a risk in a relationship that you never thought would amount to anything positive for you or the relationship and something beneficial resulted? Either right then or later on?

Maybe all that happened was that you learned to take a small step into trusting yourself/someone else again? Or maybe you came to later find out that a trust wasn't broken or there was no malice intended to an act or word(s) spoken?

Do you have experiences when you think someone is out to harm you with the very thoughts or feelings you may have confidentially revealed to them? Some might sarcastically say, I've just described the modern-day state of relationships and/or marriage.

Risk-taking in a relationship can become the very fuel for fire or vehicle for inflicting damage to another person. Yes, this type or level of intimacy has a cost! So, too, is the kind of risk-taking that provides the very portal into the soul, your soul, another person's soul. Without this channel, this opportunity into the "vulnerable," life can not meaningfully exist. At least as far as this author's experience of meaningful living teaches.

In my opinion, what makes risk-taking such a vulnerable act is the presence or lack of presence of good boundaries. Boundaries being good? Is this possible? Yes! I do think it is possible to learn and be taught the benefits of good boundary-setting. The positive impact of having good boundaries can go a long way into creating "healthy" relationships.

Yet, for many of us, coming from (I really don't like

## Agawam Support Group Sponsored By The NAMI-WM

On the last Monday of each month, a support group sponsored by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts is held at the Agawam Council On Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Groups sponsored by the NAMI-WM are facilitated by persons who have had years of experience with mental illness, either directly or as family members of an ill person. At most meetings, there will be people present who have varying degrees of experience and knowledge about mental illness. Others have only recently faced the problems created by mental illness.

The support group meetings are intended to supply emotional support and information. Discussions are honest and open, but no one is expected to talk about anything he or she would rather not discuss. Everything said at these meetings is kept confidential.

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this popular term) "dysfunctional" family systems, good boundaries are virtually nonexistent? Many of us, to some degree or other, are stuck or prone to repeating old, comfortable (dysfunctional), and often destructive patterns with other persons. And (for most of us) isn't home the primary place we learn how to "do" relationships?

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We each have our own unique experience of what "normal" is, despite how destructive and painful "normal" can sometimes feel. My view of what constitutes a good or good-enough ability at boundary-setting is subjectively different from your experience. How many of us go into risk-taking relationships negotiating and working on what creates a good or healthy boundary? Is it possible healthy boundaries can enable us to live more meaningful, intimate, risk-taking lives?

Some say developing these types of relationship skills are best done during courtship and/or marriage preparation. Others say that's what being married is really all about; a time for learning how to establish good boundaries. It is not surprising, to me, to clinically be presented with couples, and/or an individual in a 10- or 15-year relationship, struggling with this issue. Boundary-setting is a critical point underlining many of the presenting symptoms in relationships.

Simply put, boundaries (or the lack thereof) influence how power, control, and trust (to name a few) get played out. After all, how much influence can an individual maintain over themselves before the other person is challenged by this, especially when that individual doesn't set good boundaries for themselves?

Boundary-setting and real risk-taking are not for the faint of heart. It is a commitment into the single greatest act of intimacy I know of, namely, truly caring for your "self." This level of intimacy risks being with another person doing the same, while remaining uniquely different from you. This requires a high level of maturity.

Most of us cling to the past way of knowing how to "do" relationships. This way often gives us the greatest comfort in not having to be separate persons. Being overly connected or lacking good boundaries becomes the "norm."

What risks await you? What ways of caring for your "self" are you in need of? How do the ways you already care for your "self" inform you about personal intimacy and the attached risks of sharing yourself with another person? More on this to come. In the meantime, please continue to e-mail, telephone, or write me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and "Let's Talk about it."

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## Mercy Hospital Hosts Cancer Support Group

Persons with cancer, their families and friends, or persons who have lost a loved one to cancer, are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew Street, Springfield.

The group offers information on topics of interest to people with cancer, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department.

A break-out group, designed specifically for those who have lost a loved one to cancer, meets on the first Monday of the month.

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At this point, the doctor or patient does not know what is the cause of pain. Is the pain due to muscle tension, ligament injury, joint dysfunction, or a disc problem? The medication does help decrease the message of pain to the brain, but it doesn't correct the cause or problem. So now the patient is out of pain. They resume normal activities: lifting, working, playing sports, cleaning, bending, etc.

Normally, the muscle would protect the injured area by tightening up or spasming to immobilize the region and protect it from further injury. But the patient is taking muscle relaxants so the body is tricked into thinking it's okay. Now the patient is damaging the injured area even more by resuming normal activity.

The patient stops taking the medication because they're feeling better, and suddenly ... bam! ... they're in worse shape than before! That's because the problem was never fixed, it was just covered up.

The sad part is now the patient is experiencing chronic pain, so they start taking over-the-counter, anti-inflammatory or pain medication. This helps with the pain, but it doesn't help with the problem. These medications break down the joint structure and accelerate joint degeneration. So now a simple injury that could have been healed effectively and naturally with chiropractic care has turned into lifelong back pain.

If you are experiencing pain, don't just cover it up. Get to the cause of the problem with chiropractic.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

## Flu & Pneumonia Vaccine Clinics For Residents

A Flu & Pneumonia Vaccine Clinic for Agawam residents 65 and over will be held in the following locations: Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Monday, November 6th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.; Danahy School House, 51 Maple St., Agawam, Wednesday, November 8th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.; and Pheasant Hill Community Building, 25 Pheasant Hill, Feeding Hills, Monday, November 13th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Agawam residents only, ages 65 and over, are asked to please bring your insurance card information and a donated, non-perishable food item.

## Support Group For "Essential Tremor"

Do you have "essential tremor" (shaking hands, voice, or head for no known cause)? You are not alone. Millions of men, women, and children in the United States have it, too.

The Connecticut River Valley Essential Tremor Advocates is a support group that meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicopee Senior Center, 7 Valley View Court, Chicopee. We invite you to join us to explore treatments and share coping strategies for essential tremor.

For more information, please call Judy at (413) 594-7674.



Arts



### Not A "Carrey" In The World...

Many people dismissed Jim Carrey as a mindless and goofy actor who was nothing more than a passing fad in Hollywood. Since his emergence as a huge film star, Carrey has proven the pessimists wrong. He may be idiotic at times, but he's one of a kind and that provides his staying power. Besides, was Jerry Lewis any less of a goof in his day? It's just that Jim Carrey does it much better.

\* "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective": 1994. Rated PG-13.

This film may sound ridiculous, and to some degree it is. Carrey stars in the title role, who finds his character in search of the abducted Miami Dolphins mascot, Snowflake the Dolphin.

Carrey's physical acting ability is in grand form in this picture. We see many imitations and parodies from Carrey from William Shatner's Captain Kirk to the finale of "The Crying Game." The film is grossly overacted, but I believe this to be intentional. Somehow it wouldn't have worked as well if everyone involved took their roles seriously. It was meant to be a mindless but fun romp, and that's exactly what it is.

Dan Marino, the all-pro quarterback for the Miami Dolphins at the time, also appears in the picture alongside Sean Young, Courtney Cox, and Tone Loc. All of them deliver performances worthy of this genre of film (an interesting note considering the very diverse cast).

This film may not be for everyone, so if you are the conservative type you may want to steer clear of this one. If you are lighthearted, however, you are sure to get some laughs. 4 STARS.

\* "Liar Liar": 1997. Rated PG-13.

Here is one of the funniest Jim Carrey films to date. Carrey plays Fletcher Reede, a fast-talking attorney who also has a talent for lying through his teeth. When his son's birthday wish is for his dad to tell the whole truth for 24 hours, sheer chaos results when the youngster's wish comes true!

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## Song & Dance Tribute To Broadway At HS Of Commerce In Springfield

Downtown Springfield will be celebrated with a song and dancefest for music lovers everywhere on October 27th and 28th at 8:00 p.m., October 29th at 2:00 p.m., and November 4th at 8:00 p.m. with a final matinee performance, November 5th at 2:00 p.m. in the beautiful downtown theatre at the High School of Commerce, 415 State Street.

A superlative cast of more than 25 award-winning dancers and singers from throughout the Pioneer Alley will take the stage and rock the rafters with their high energy performances of music made famous on "Broadway ... And Beyond," entertaining audiences of all ages.

An artistic team of local professionals, including director Vicki Phillips, choreographers David Bovat and Lisa Carter, and music director/accompanist Neal Schermerhorn will take this show to new heights.

The family entertainment review includes an eclectic program of wonderful music from many hit shows, including *Annie*, *Fame*, *She Loves Me*, *Pippin*, *Chicago*, *Ragtime*, *Les Miserables*, and many more. A special discount of \$3 is offered to adults for all pre-paid ticket purchases made before October 20th, at a cost of \$12. After October 20th and at the door, tickets are \$15. Tickets for senior citizens is \$10 (at all times) and student tickets are \$6.

For information and reservations, please call (413) 827-9658. The Red Rose Restaurant is offering pre-theatre dinner discounts for the five scheduled performance dates.

This project is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that funds your community's local Cultural Council.

## Theater Project In West Springfield Adds Show Dates For "Always ... Patsy Cline"

Overwhelming ticket demand has led the Theater Project to schedule three additional performances of *Always ... Patsy Cline*. The musical about the brief yet tumultuous life of the country music legend had been slated to close on October 22nd at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield, but has been extended through October 29th.

"It's a foot-stomping, rousing night out," said director Danny Eaton, "and we can't keep up with the demand for tickets."

The play stars Diana Pappas as Cline, and Christine St. Amant as Louise Seger, Cline's real-life friend and the narrator of the story. Pappas has previously appeared as Cline in several touring productions of the show. This is St. Amant's third lead role in a Theater Project production. The pair are joined

onstage by "The Bodacious Bobcats Band," comprised of musical director Mark Gionfriddo (piano), Guy "Fooch" Fischetti (pedal steel guitar), Brian Guillemette (guitar), Tim Hosmer (drums), and Don Rovero (bass).

The additional performances will be held on Friday, October 27th, at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 28th, at 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, October 29th, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range in price from \$14 to \$23, depending on date of show, and can be obtained by calling the box office at (413) 747-7797. Walk-in box office hours (at the Majestic Theater at 131 Elm Street) are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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## "The Food Dude"

by John Walters  
WHYN AM 560



### Food From "The Good Old Days"

This week's column is about diners. I remember going to the Supreme Diner on Memorial Avenue. They always had a great breakfast and they were open 24 hours.

It seems that the diner has become almost a thing of the past, but there are still a few out there, including Charlie's in West Springfield and the Blue Bonnet in Northampton.

Diner food was home cooking, at least the closest you could get out on the road. So, as we ponder the good old days, let's give you some recipes to soften the closings of these food icons.

Start by making pie crust. You can cheat and buy the pie crust in the refrigerator section of the grocery store. Saute chicken and veggies. Make sure you give this some spice, not hot, but savory herbs to lend flavor to the dish. Cut circles out of your pie crust the size of saucers. Place a tablespoon or so of the chicken mixture and fold the crust over. Brush with some egg wash and bake at 350 degrees.

Savory pies are a nice treat on fall days. You can fill them with leftover turkey, ham, or roast beef from

the upcoming holiday dinners. Serve some gravy on the side.

Did you can tomatoes this year? If you did, then try this on a Sunday afternoon for lunch. Use a pre-made pizza shell to make things easy with just a splash of 100% olive oil. Crush a jar of your tomatoes over the pizza shell with a little garlic and some fresh basil. Sprinkle with some parmesan cheese and bake in a 425 degree oven.

Do not add meats and a lot of veggies. Sometimes we Americans pile it on because we think more is better. Try this simple approach. Serve with a small salad of Romaine lettuce dressed with a mix of lemon juice and balsamic along with a touch of extra virgin olive oil and salt and pepper.

Visit my website, [www.foodduderadio.com](http://www.foodduderadio.com) for recipes and much more.

Remember, it is not what you're eating or drinking, it's whom you're with.

This is the Food Dude. Until next week, I will be talking to you on the radio.

JOHN WALTERS, "The Food Dude," can be heard each Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on WHYN AM 560.

(Pond Side Garage and Radiator Shop - 704 Spfld. St., Feeding Hills, 789-6170 - is his sponsor.)



## Old-Fashioned Halloween Fun At Storowton Village Museum's "Haunted New England"

Get ready for a frightfully fun evening! Storowton Village Museum welcomes all those who dare to enjoy "Haunted Old New England," beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 20th in historic Storowton Village on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

It will be a bewitchingly good time for the entire family when professional storyteller Jennifer Blum of Concord, Mass., spins a web of spooky stories straight from 18th and 19th century New England. The

program will be presented by candlelight.

Come hear the Halloween-spirited stories of years past in Storowton's unique setting. Admission to "Haunted Old New England" is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children ages six to 12. Children under six will be admitted free of charge.

Space is limited, so be sure to make reservations by contacting Storowton Village Museum at (413) 787-0136.

## Agawam Historical Association To Meet On Wed., Oct. 25th

The first meeting of the Agawam Historical Association will be held on Wednesday, October 25th, at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Dennis Picard of Storowton Village, who will speak on cider-making. Picard assures us the topic will be most interesting and informative.

The public is cordially invited to all meetings, which are held at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam.

New members are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

## Preservation Trust To Host Historic Homes Tour

The Springfield Preservation Trust will present "Borders On The Park," a tour of some of Springfield's historic homes on the borders of Forest Park on Saturday, October 21st from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at Flowers, Flowers, 758 Sumner Ave., Springfield; Antiques on Boland Way, 1500 Main St., Springfield; Westfield Flowers, 297 Elm St., Westfield; and The Flower Box, 596 Carew St., Springfield. Additional locations for tickets will be announced.

Cost of tickets is \$10 for SPT members and \$10 for non-members. For more information, call 413-747-0656.

## Flower Design To Be Offered At Senior Ctr.

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## PISANO - from Page 31

The film plays much like a situation comedy except it boasts much better scripting. Carrey appears to be the perfect actor to play this role. There are moments in the film when you will laugh hysterically when Reede tries to lie and the truth inadvertently comes out.

I was really impressed with the concept behind this film. It lends itself to what seems to be almost limitless humor, especially the idea to cast Carrey as a lawyer. What better occupation for a guy who is forced into complete honesty? The rest of the film deals with Reede's attempts to save his law practice and keep his son and ex-wife from moving away.

"Liar Liar" is in no way as offensive as some may interpret "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective." Instead, it displays a brand of humor that will appeal to the masses. Pinocchio thought he had problems with lying; well, Carrey's character redefines that notion in what proves to be a delight to watch ... and that's no lie! 3 STARS.

\* "The Truman Show": 1998. Rated PG.

As I mentioned previously in my "Liar Liar" review, Carey stars in the title role in another extremely creative film. "The Truman Show" exemplifies not only Carrey's best performance of his career, but also an unbelievably mesmerizing tale.

The film centers around a worldwide television broadcast of Truman's life, unbeknownst to him. Truman was born and raised in a gigantic film set inside an enormous dome. All the people in his life are actors, and the entire world has watched him grow into adulthood from birth.

Carrey's critics who claimed he had no serious acting talent were forced to eat their words when this film burst onto the public. He is simply brilliant showing a side of him no one has ever witnessed.

The film itself is wonderfully made and displays everything from fantastic photography and editing to phenomenal scripting. I really can't remember seeing a film this good in quite a while. Absent is all the filler material used so commonly in film today. There are no explosions, no gratuitous sex scenes, no machine guns; just high-quality, dramatic entertainment.

If you normally think I'm a loon in some of my reviews, then please rent this film. Not only is it an extremely interesting story, but the acting is great and proves to be one of the best pictures I've seen in quite some time! 4 STARS.

\* "PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: 5 STARS - Extraordinary; 4 STARS - Excellent; 3 STARS - Good; 2 STARS - Average; 1 STAR - Watchable; 0 STARS - Avoid.

Please send comments and film requests to "The Agawam Advertiser News," Attention: Lou Pisano, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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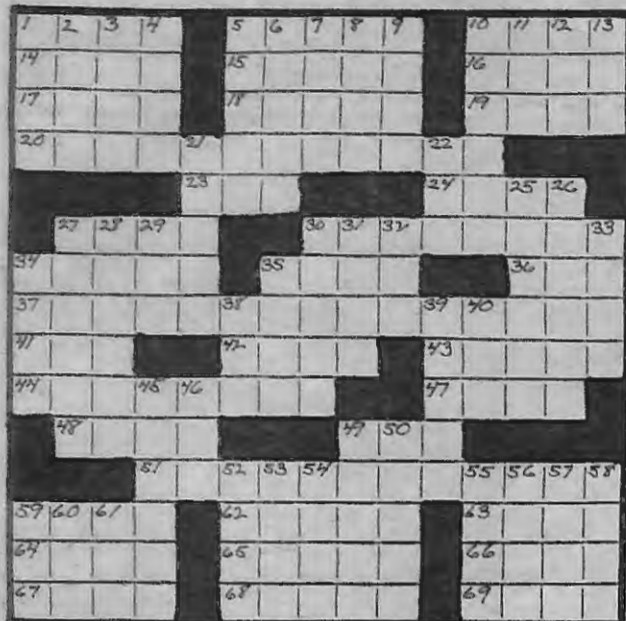
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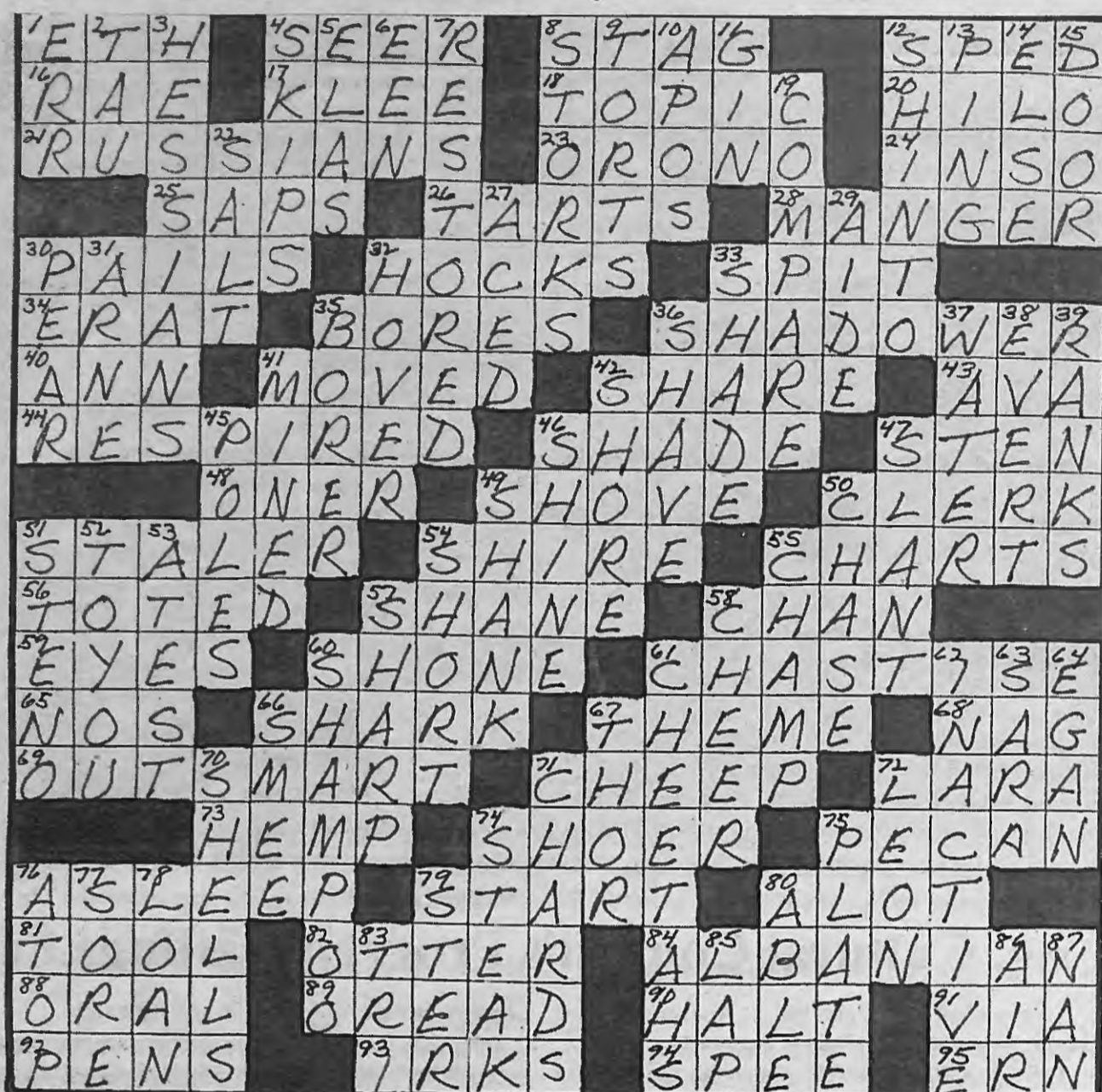


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## "Androcles & The Lion" Now Showing In Longmeadow

One of the most popular children's plays ever written, "Androcles And The Lion," is being performed by the Great Pretenders this month. The production is a refreshingly antic, irreverent treatment of Aesop's fable, written in the style of Italian Commedia dell'Arte, by Aurant Harris.

Commedia dell'Arte was originally an Italian outdoor theatrical form that flourished in the Renaissance. Translated literally into English, the name becomes "comedy of the performers."

With the creative direction of member Bob Whitney, the Great Pretenders have been busy sewing costumes, painting masks, and constructing some unusual set pieces. With the stock characters of Commedia — the miserly Pantalone (played by Jerry Millette), the bragging Captain, the romantic lovers (Mary Domenicelli and Aeric Mansfield), the trickster Arlequin, and an endearing lion (Eric Johnson), the fable becomes a colorful theatrical experience on the stage of the Longmeadow Community House.

This prize-winning play is for young and old and will be performed on October 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th. Friday performances are at 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays are at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Longmeadow Park and Recreation Dept. or by calling 821-9932. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Longmeadow Cultural Council.

## Agawam Library To Offer Face Painting Fun

Agawam youngsters can get their faces (or hands) painted with a Halloween theme when they check out a book from the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, October 25th from 6:30-8:30 p.m., or on Monday, October 30th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Facing painting artist Sandy Cripps will be on hand with some spooky designs for the kids to choose from.

## Agawam Library To Offer "Make And Take" Crafts

On Saturday, October 21st, any time between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Agawam kids are invited to come to the library and create some Halloween decorations to take home.

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## Agawam Grange At The Big E...



IN THE GRANGE BUILDING AT THE BIG E, an award-winning hoop rug was being shown off by Grange member Alice Marion. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Grange member Sarah Fillion was one of the volunteers working in the Grange Building at The Big E. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

## Ag. Cultural Council's Program Listings For "First Friday" Series

\* November 3rd, 7:30 P.M. - Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.

THE ENCORE CABARET: Featuring the Memory Lane Chorus of the Agawam Senior Center.

\* December 1st, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

HATS OFF TO AMERICANA: Music and vaudeville act presented by Carol Pedigree.

\* February 2nd, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles

Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

THE MOUNT TOM RANGE: Robert Schobe, historian and lecturer, will provide a historical tour of people, places, and things with pictures.

\* March 2nd, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

MICHAEL WHITE, AUTHOR: Novelist and short story writer.

\* April 6th, 7:30 P.M. - Agawam Middle School

Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam.

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# Education

## AHS Benefits From Experience Of New Librarian

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

It did not take Elaine Mokrzycki long to become acclimated to Agawam High School as its librarian. "It's like a wonderful circle for me. I've come back to my roots," she told us.

Mrs. Mokrzycki has entered her 23rd year of library services in college, public, school libraries and educational facilities. Originally from Chicopee, she is married to a retired Air Force career member.

She has worked throughout the United States and lived in Western Germany for three years. She can barely express how overwhelming it was to actually be in that city when the Berlin Wall came down! She learned "survival German" and worked with American students who spoke English.

Mrs. Mokrzycki was a school librarian for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools. This allowed her to travel to various other European countries in addition to Germany.

"I'm delighted to be a member of the faculty of Agawam High School," Mokrzycki said. Her undergraduate degree is from Elms College (a bachelor of arts in liberal arts with library science certification and teaching certification due to additional college training from various Universities and colleges in the United States).

"My master's in Library and Information Sciences with a concentration in Library Services to Youth and additional training in technologies and network administration have helped me to enjoy team teaching with my faculty, showing students key components of Media Literacy, and Information Seeking Process Strategies. This concept is represented by the difference between teaching them how to cook versus serving a meal."

Linda Montagna has served as library clerk since May 2000. Both women feel that they work as "a team." Montagna told us, "I used to go to school here and worked in the library. (She is a 1974 graduate of AHS.) My work requires use of the computer, some library skills, and inventory of supplies. I am really happy to be here. This is something I have always wanted to do."

Mrs. Mokrzycki continued, "A contemporary school library media center is very different from the kind of school library I had when I was in high school. My greatest hope is that I will enhance the quality teaching and learning which is already going on in the school, with our veteran and new staff.

"They're a wonderful, hardworking and talented staff! I have engaged in discussions with over 90 teachers since working here, through drop in visits with requests for information about the kinds of services we can provide in our information lab/library center.

"We've had all of the ninth-grade classes in for an orientation and an introduction process/problem solving strategy, and opening discussion related to the accomplishing of curriculum based follow-up activities planned through our English Department and other departments as well."

Mrs. Mokrzycki said that the library process teaming approach establishes skills development and reinforces the use of traditional print materials in conjunction with the use of technologies.

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**NEW AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIAN Elaine Mokrzycki and Library Assistant Linda Montagna are happy with the direction and progress being made at the school library. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.**

"We're expanding our opportunities for our students to access literally hundreds of thousands of full text articles by specialized database offered without charge to schools through the Massachusetts State Library's long-reaching network and the Western Regional Library System." She sees this as an example of maximizing access to resources which would otherwise be cost prohibitive if paying for those databases.

Mrs. Mokrzycki appreciates the team "synergy" between herself and Mrs. Montagna. "I have introduced her as a right arm. We have a really nice balance and are working really well together. I rely on that. I think the kids sense the team spirit between us. We've asked the kids, the teachers, and the administration to join that team and allow all of us to make our efforts become the program."

Enriched by her travels and her extensive experience in the field, Agawam High School's new librarian looks forward to meeting students in their freshman year and later waving at them at graduation. "I see everyone's classes and can watch them grow and develop. If I could choose any school library facility, it would be right where I am.

I get to see these students at the high school level. They really are the future."

One of the most memorable opportunities Mrs. Mokrzycki has had was to show a piece of the Berlin wall to the ninth-grade students at orientation. "I could tell them that I, a person from Chicopee, because of my travels, ended up at the Berlin Wall when it came down. You do not know the obstacles and challenges that are facing you in a global economy."

The students, she said, need to learn the skills it will take to be active problem-solving thinkers. "The programs we offer are designed to activate skills which will help them to be successful in any endeavors, not just library resource skills.

"I'm working to develop an active communication link with our public libraries so that as we 'team' our students can have extended services even beyond our own newly established hours after school until 3:15. We've had over 1,000 students visit (initial and through repeat trips), with our program taking off in full run. It's gratifying to see the teachers and students plugging into a program which can extend their classroom teaching and learning in such vast ways.

"I've requested to be linked to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Databases through the Western Regional Library System, and I'm now working on establishing quality Internet URL shortcuts by Framework category folders on the desktops of our computers.

"We're definitely active, focused, and online!" Mrs. Mokrzycki added.

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- School Functions
- Corporate Functions

## Bruce Cortis Assumes Position With USPIRG

Bruce J. Cortis (B.J.), a May 2000 Graduate of the University of Massachusetts has assumed the position of Outreach Director with the United States Public Interest Research Group (USPIRG) and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Washington D.C. USPIRG and its affiliated non-profit chapters, campaign for legislative action and educate the public on environmental issues such as water quality, alternative energy sources, Toxic waste cleanup and associated public interest issues.

B.J. received a B.A. Degree in Communications with minors in Political Science and Sociology from UMass Amherst, class of '2000. He was awarded the Chancellor's Award for Community Service.

As Outreach Director, he is responsible for organizing local, state and national environmental campaigns for the associated public interest issues for both USPIRG and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

His involvement with the 'PIRG's began during his sophomore year of college. In the last four years, he has done extensive work for MassPIRG (Massachusetts), Sierra Club, CalPIRG (California), VPIRG (Vermont) and the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). For the last two summers, he has been director of the VPRIG office in Burlington, Vt.

As part of his activities over last several 4 years, he has been involved with campaigns including: Employment Non-Discrimination Act (HRC), Federal Hate Crimes Act (HRC), Endangered Species Act (Sierra Club), Children Protection Act (MassPIRG), Pesticide Disclosure Act (MassPIRG) and Ban of Factory Farms (VPIRG). He has also been involved with over 20 additional environmental or public interest campaigns for either the USPIRG or associated state PIRG's.

During his senior year at UMass, he was nominated and elected to the chair of the Student Board for the MassPIRG student representatives. This board represents 26 college chapters across



BRUCE J. (B.J.) CORTIS

Massachusetts. In this position, he was a full voting member of the USPIRG board of directors. Additionally, B.J. was an official steering member on the Executive Committee of the National Student Forum. NSF is a network of nationwide student representatives from active PIRG's in states across the United States.

B.J. is the son of Bruce and Carolyn Cortis of Brookline Ave., Feeding Hills.

He has a brother Tim, currently living in Amherst and a sister Kelly, a sophomore at the University of Hartford.

## Ag. High School's Guidance Bulletin

### College Acceptances: CONGRATULATIONS!

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**OPEN HOUSES:** See your counselor for more information.

**Elms College:** Friday, November 17th.

**Mount Ida College:** Saturday, October 21st.

**Fisher College:** Sunday, November 19th.

**University of Southern Maine:** Sunday, October 22nd.

**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute:** "Minority Student Weekend" - November 9th through 11th.

**Forsyth School for Dental Hygienists:** Sunday, November 19th.

**University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth:** Sunday, November 5th.



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### From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen  
Agawam High School  
Guidance Counselor

#### Warnings

Yes, it's that time of year again, when you hear the door quietly close followed by the sound of feet quickly going up the stairs. Or, your youngster comes home, greets you with a weird smile, and is exceptionally nice to you! Yup, it's warning time.

Warnings! Just the word sends chills through a parent. He must be failing. What did we do wrong? Will he ever graduate? Well, take a deep breath. The sky is not falling and Billy still has the chance of doing very well.

First, elicit from your child the warnings. If they are not forthcoming and you feel they should be, please call your child's school. Counselors will be able to access them for you. Next, have a talk with your youngster ... a talk, not a screaming match. As soon as you start screaming, your child will stop hearing you. It's amazing, but the louder you speak, the less that is heard.

Find out the reasons behind the warnings. Listen carefully, but realize, too, that you are just getting one side of the story, a side that will try to exonerate your son/daughter. Don't waste your breath saying, "Unless you shape up, you'll never get into college; you'll never graduate from high school; you'll stay back!" He/she knows that. Instead, simply inform your youngster that there will be a supervised homework time when phone calls will not be accepted, radios will not be played, and televisions will not be watched.

Ask your child to keep an assignment book. Each night, check to make sure that all assignments ARE being done. If your child has difficulty doing them, you will know and can call the school to find an appropriate tutor.

Call the school to set up progress reports. Relate to your brooding youngster that these reports are not a punishment; rather, they will let you both know what is happening in class. When they are all good, they will be stopped. If you wish, you may also set up appointments with teachers. Make sure your child is present at the appointments. After all, it is about him/her. It's amazing, but with the student and teacher present, a really true picture of the difficulty emerges.

By taking an active role in dealing with your child's warnings, you are sending him/her the message that you really care. You are saying, in effect, "Together, we will deal with this. I am here to help you."

And we, as counselors, are here to help you. So, do call us.

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## Plans In The Works For Sixth-Grade Washington, D.C. Trip This Spring

A meeting was held on Thursday, October 5th at the Agawam Middle School to introduce the trip to Washington, DC to this year's sixth-graders. Although this trip is not sponsored by the schools, its purpose is to give students the opportunity to go to New York to see the Statue of Liberty, to Washington, DC to see some of the many attractions, and to Philadelphia to learn about our history there.

The trip begins on Monday, April 16, 2001 with our first day spent at the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Science Center. On Tuesday, we continue by coach to Washington, DC, where we will spend that afternoon and the next two days exploring museums, visiting memorials, meeting elected officials, seeing the original Declaration of Independence and, hopefully, watching money being made! In the evening we plan to have a DJ/Pizza party, go to a student dinner theater, a comedy show (geared for the students), MCI Sports Gallery, and a night light tour of the monuments. As we start our journey home on Friday, April 20th, we will stop in Philadelphia, PA for a stop at the US Mint, lunch, and a walking tour of the historic district.

This trip is open to sixth-grade students of Agawam or who attend Agawam Middle School, however, it is not a school trip. The one "catch" is that each student

must submit a report card (copy) showing no 3's or 4's in conduct. The grade does not matter to me, but bad behavior will cause the student to be ineligible to attend.

The cost for the trip is \$415. The cost includes transportation, lodging, all meals, and admission fees. The chaperone-to-student ratio will be 1:4 with a few "floating" chaperones. Deposits of \$50 per person are now being accepted, and *must* be received before candy can be picked up. Candy sales are not required, however, if a student chooses to, proceeds from the candy sales will defray the cost of his/her trip.

Speaking of candy, if there is anyone in the business community willing to sell candy at his/her workplace, please contact me and I will gladly arrange it. Monthly payment of \$100 (minus candy money credits) would need to be sent in November, December, and January, with a final payment in February.

Checks should be made out to the *Washington Trip Account* and sent in care of Rachel Thomas, 43 Janelle Dr., Agawam, MA 01001-2735. For further information, you can visit our web site: [www.geocities.com/dcsqt](http://www.geocities.com/dcsqt). Notices will be posted on the web site, sent through school, and written up in the *Agawam Advertiser News*.

## Six Flags New England Unveils Fantastic Fall Festivals Of Fun And Fright

Shorter days and cooler nights signal the transformation of Six Flags New England into a celebration of fall festivals, fun, and frights for the whole family.

**Fright Fest** - During the weekends through Halloween, Six Flags New England transforms itself, once again, when Fright Fest screams into town turning the Park into a Halloween playground with a host of activities that offer various degrees of fright from the delightfully tame to the take-your-breath-away terrifying.

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# "Students Of The Month" At Agawam Junior High



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH at the Agawam Junior High School included (from left) - Mike Skovorodin and Jamie Spear, "Art Students"; Kevin Malloch and Susan Jenney, "Eighth Grade Physical Education"; and Jason Olbrych and Sara Keene, "Seventh Grade Physical Education." Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

## Agawam High School's Calendar Of October Events

**Fundraisers For October:** Senior Class Supermarket Voucher Fundraiser; Band/Chorus Entertainment Book and Candy Sale Fundraiser.

**October 21st:** PSAT Test sponsored by the Guidance Department, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; AHS Band to Southington, CT.

**October 23rd:** "Making High School Count" (sponsored by the Guidance Department) - two sessions for freshmen (10:00 to 10:45 and 12:06 to 1:06).

**October 24th:** Breakfast at AHS sponsored by the senior class, 6:50 to 7:15; Anger Management meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Annual Math Olympiad, periods 2 and 3 (sponsored by the MA Association of Mathematics

Leagues).

**October 25th:** Hepatitis B immunizations for AHS seniors (1st of the series); Peer Leadership Induction Ceremony; "Harvest Celebration" sponsored by the Health Ed Department; Girls' Wednesday Morning Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Insight Meditation - Bringing the Mind Home - Exploring the Nature of Experience (interested students meet in room 38, 1:50 to 2:35 p.m.).

**October 26th:** Breakfast at AHS sponsored by the sophomore class, 6:50 to 7:15; Family Resource Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; "Harvest Celebration" sponsored by the

Health Ed Department; Intergenerational Book Club meeting (2:00 p.m., room 47 - Book Choice for October - "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac).

**October 27th:** Open Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; AHS Band Parents' Annual "Pumpkin Night," 6:00 p.m. at AHS.

**October 29th:** Cheerleader Pasta Supper, Italian Sporting Club, Agawam, 4:00 p.m.

**October 31st:** Breakfast at AHS sponsored by the senior class, 6:50 to 7:15; Anger Management sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Peer Leadership Costume Day (community service fundraiser).

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LEAH DOMINIQUE AND HER MOM check out the books and craft kits during the spring bookfair at James Clark School. The fall bookfair is scheduled for Oct. 23rd-27th.

## "Fall Bookfair" At James Clark School

James Clark School will be holding its "Fall Bookfair" from October 23rd through October 27th in the main hallway.

The Bookfair will also be open on Tuesday night, October 24th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Parents are invited to stop by and browse the books any time during the Bookfair. Books range from

beginning reader to chapter books, wide a wide variety of subjects.

Please remember there is a five-percent sales tax on all purchases, and checks should be written payable to "James Clark School PTO."

If you have any questions, please call Robin, 821-9360, or Jill, 789-3663. Happy reading!

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Admission is \$5 per person, and parking is free. The Haunted Tunnell is rated PG-13. Children under 12 MUST be accompanied by an adult (no infants).

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## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, October 23rd:** Pizza w/mozzarella cheese & pepperoni topping, tossed garden salad w/spinach greens and dressing, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

**Tuesday, October 24th:** Oven baked chicken nuggets, steamed rice, peas & carrots, bread & butter, rosy apple sauce or school baked peanut butter cookie, milk.

**Wednesday, October 25th:** Rotini w/meat sauce, broccoli cuts, Italian bread & butter, chilled fruit cup or orange jello w/topping, milk.

**Thursday, October 26th:** Scrambled hamburger w/gravy on whipped potatoes, niblet corn, bread & butter, midnight chocolate cake w/vanilla icing, milk, or fruit cup.

**Friday, October 27th:** Oven baked sea nuggets, potato rounds w/catsup, tossed salad w/spinach greens and creamy dressing, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, ice cream, milk.

### SIX FLAGS - from Page 37

Six Flags New England offers a kinder, gentler Fright Fest for the little tykes complete with a **Hay Maze**, painting in the **Pumpkin Patch**, decorating cookies, and designing masks.

The little guests can also parade in their Halloween costumes with the famous Looney Tunes: **Bugs Bunny**, **Tweety**, **Taz**, and friends... through the **Trick-or-Treat Trail**, which is stocked with treats sure to satisfy every little 'ghoul' and boy.

Special Halloween shows like the **Monster Mash** offer great entertainment for the whole family.

**Fright Fest** runs through October 31st every Friday 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Monday, October 30th and Halloween night (Tuesday, October 31st) from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Admission to Six Flags New England is \$36.99, adults; \$18.49, children (those under 36 inches tall are free).

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 **Sports**

# AHS Harriers Quietly Building Strong Program

by **Dave Rollins**  
Sports Editor

High school cross country doesn't always get the ink they should get.

But the kids quietly go about their business, running in their scenic venues (especially at this colorful time of year) all across Western Mass.

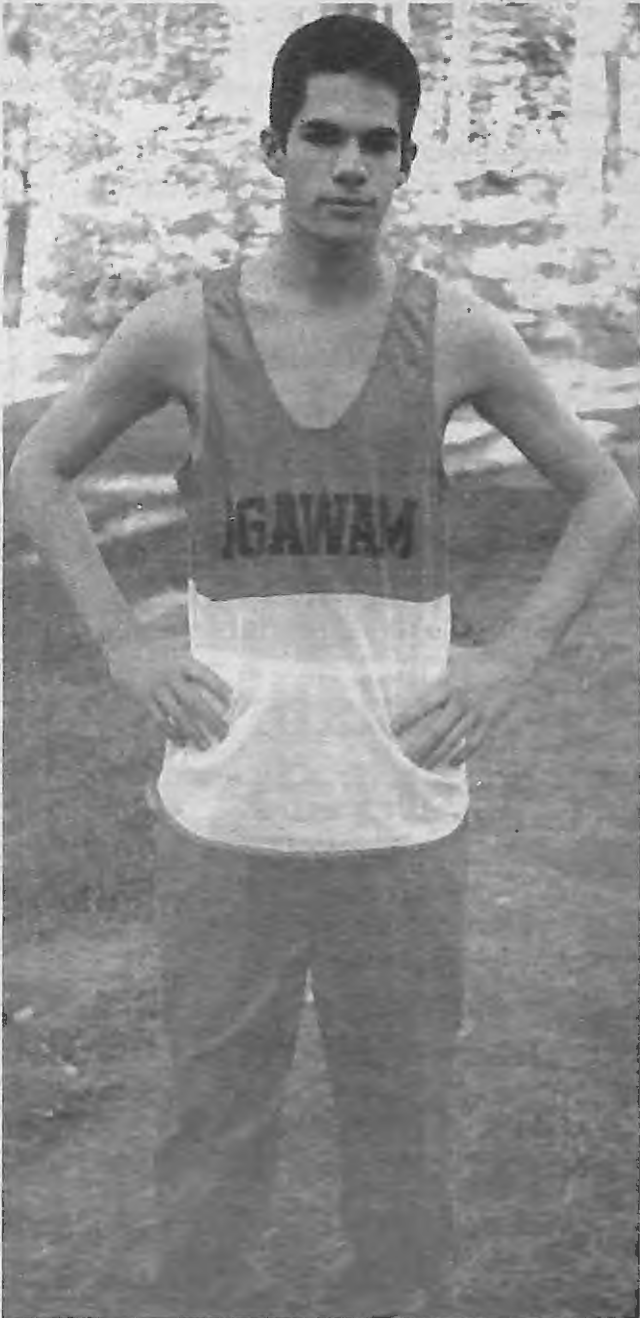
The Agawam High girls' and boys' teams have a few less numbers in the left-hand column than the right-hand one. The girls are 4-8 overall and 2-3 in the league at this writing, after beating Central and West Springfield on Tuesday afternoon, October 10th, in the rain at Robinson State Park.

The highlight there was the performance of sophomore Jess Hudson, who took 41 seconds off the course record she set only a couple of weeks ago (going from 24:55 to 24:14). That time broke the overall school record of 24:15 set two years ago by Val Siedlek.

Other Brownie girls who showed well included freshman Ashley Velosky (third, 24:33), Cassandra Greco (fifth, 25:18) sophomore Nina Murray (sixth, 27:07) and junior Danielle Welner (eighth, 27:53).

Going back now to their meet last Friday at Chicopee State Park against Westfield High and Chicopee Comp (where they went 0-2), the girls are 2-2 in their last two outings.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO SOPHOMORE MIKE DEFILIPPI**, who recently broke the course record at Robinson State Park. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



**THE 2000 SEASON girls' cross country team** at Agawam High School. Back row: Coach Bill Dillon, Samantha Howe, Jessica Hudson, Jocelynn Kraus, Amanda Gardner, Angie Miranda, Ashley Velosky, Nicole Gendreau, Jodie Pfau, Nina Murray, and Coach Becky Brown. Middle row: Brittany Shields, Nicole Jensen, Danielle Welner, Arlie Mead, Sarah Longtin, Sarah Leydon, Alyson Garvey, and Eliza Dickman. Front row: Captains Rachel Caruso and Kat Demettrion. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



**THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL boys' cross country team** for fall 2000. Back row: Manager Mike Shea, Brandon Hill, Ricky Gardner, Steve Atkinson, Adam Stacy, and Coach Bill Dillon. Front row: Jordan Welner, Mike DeFilipi, Matt Reed, and Shane Suffriti. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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**CROSS COUNTRY - from Page 40**

Girls' Coach Becky Brown noted that things are slowly coming around.

"We will have some third-year runners with us next season. That experience will help a lot."

She continued, "Right now most of our kids, because of youth and inexperience, are not getting the background mileage they need to advance to the next level. They are starting to understand what it takes to get there. This is our building year."

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The boys beat West Springfield and lost to Central, bringing their record to 4-8/1-5.

Sophomore Mike DeFilipi (who recently broke the course record at Robinson State Park) took first overall in that one with a time of 18:56. Junior Steve Atkinson was second (19:42). Junior Ricky Gardner came in seventh (21:01).

The boys are 2-2 in their last two meets going back to Comp and Westfield last Friday.

Boys' Coach Bill Dillon, who has seen his team suffer from small numbers since the boys' program started several years ago, is optimistic.

"We are doing better. Remember, we need at least five guys to enter any race; we have just about that many."

He singled out DeFilipi and Atkinson as now-and-future stars. He has a potential star on the injured list - freshman Matt Reed.

"Matt hurt his back and you just can't run with an injury like that." Then Dillon echoed Brown's observations: "Like the girls, we need kids who run all year, not just during the cross country season."

Both teams will compete at the Western Mass. meet and (according to both coaches) while they probably won't have a realistic chance of winning, it will be a good test in the learning process for their underclassmen.

**Demonstrating Their "Net" Worth...**

PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE members of this season's girls' varsity volleyball team at Agawam High School. Back row: Katie Ludwig, Kerri Merriam, Kristina Midura, captain Amanda Brown, captain Erin Corbin, and Coach Patricia Demers. Middle row: Christina Knodler, Heather Cox, Ashley Marek, Elizabeth Gottardi, and Lissa Asta-Ferrero. Front row: Kara Barnes, Lindsey Jeserski, and Elizabeth Stieg. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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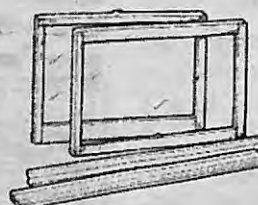
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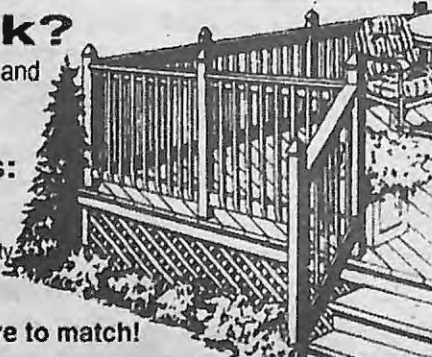
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Varsity Football Vs Westfield...

## Brownies Have Little Luck In 20-0 Loss To Bombers

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

There was little doubt when the Westfield High football team invaded Harmon Smith Field last Friday evening (October 13th) that the game was up for grabs. The reason for that observation was simple, really: the Bombers came in at 0-4, 0-3; the Brownies (suffering as well) were even worse off at 0-5, 0-4.

Unfortunately for the home folks, Westfield had more grab in their game, coming away with a 20-0 victory on about as beautiful an October night as there could be before a decent partisan crowd.

The Brownies got an early break off Westfield's first possession when Vitaly Deheneherukha pounced on a Bomber fumble, giving Agawam good field position at the Bomber 41.

However, the Westfield defense, despite stretching a bit, came up big and forced Agawam to give the ball back on downs at the six-yard line. Up came a golden opportunity for the Brownie defense to keep Westfield pinned deep in its own end of the field. Westfield had a third and six on its own 10 when that golden opportunity turned to lead.

Senior tailback Bobby Williams took the handoff, knifed through a big gap in the two hole, and 90 yards later (with 6:21 off the clock), won the foot race to the Agawam end zone. That romp would be part of a 12-carry, 135-yard evening for him. Tony Liquori blocked the extra point, but Williams would prove to be the Brownie killer.

Down 6-0, Agawam started its second possession on its own 31-yard line. They managed only four yards before punting on fourth and six. It was blocked and the Bombers took over at the Brownies' 24.

Agawam's defense fared better this time, getting the ball back at its own 11-yard line with 11 seconds gone in the second quarter. However, the offense continued to sputter, advancing the ball to the 32 where they had to punt it away.

Things turned into a head-knocking defensive battle until Agawam, with 3:48 left in the half, again had to punt from its own 21. Waiting at the other end was Williams. He snagged the kick in stride and took it back 45 yards for the Bombers' second score.

In a bang-bang play, Williams (who seemed to do just about everything in this one but take tickets) then one-handed a pass for the two points, making it 14-0, visitors. The half ended 14-0, with Westfield threatening on Agawam's 25.

The Brownies must have looked at their first-half stats during the intermission and figured they could do better than 47 yards on the ground and 33 yards in the air. Vitaly, their leading rusher (100-plus a game), could manage only 27 on nine carries. (He would go 21/76 in this one.) Westfield outdid them with 161-155 overland, thanks to Williams.

The Brownies received to start the second 24 minutes. Sure enough, they let Vitaly lug the leather for the bulk of their first possession. The junior would pick up 25 on seven attempts. And with the help of sophomore quarterback Joe Clark's 13-yard option run, Agawam took the ball from its 27 to Westfield's 39. The good times came to an abrupt end, though, when Clark was intercepted on third and 11 at the Bomber 35.

### Bombers Take Advantage Of Turnover...

Westfield, flush with its good fortune, took advantage of the turnover, driving 65 yards on seven plays in 3:24, culminating in a 15-yard TD run around right end by junior Mark St. Germain. Despite the mixed kick, Westfield was firmly in the catbird seat now.

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It was gut-check time for the Brownies because time was becoming a factor. They got the ball on the kickoff at their own 32 with 3:46 left in the third. A touchdown was definitely in order.

Off they went with the hopes of the faithful surging behind them like a raging river. The Brownies' offense, displaying an effective mix of run and pass, moved to the Bombers' 41. Then old man back luck rose up again.

Clark (9-18/33 yards/2 INT) dropped on second and six and launched a bomb towards the end zone. For a brief moment, Chris Tedone had his man beaten. But the ball was a hitch under-thrown, and the senior wide-out had to brake hard to make the catch at the Westfield one-yard line. A catch was made but to the dismay of the home folks, a Bomber made it. The interception killed another Brownie drive and also saw the end of the third quarter.

It was also the end of Agawam's hopes in this one. On paper, it looked as though Westfield might be the Brownies' first victim. But Coach Tad Desautels looked at the game this way: "Westfield is a very

deceptive team. Earlier in the season, they gave Holyoke a very hard time. In this league, there are no easy marks."

Agawam will get another team down on its luck on Friday, October 20th, at Harmon Smith - last year's Division I champion, the Cathedral High School Panthers. The Panthers are in a bit of a bind themselves, staggering along at 1-4/1-1. They are coming off a 35-7 rout at the hands of Longmeadow.

Again, Desautels urged caution. "You can't look at the schedule and try to figure out who you can beat on paper. You have to develop that winning mind-set for everyone you meet."

**BROWNIE STATES:** Rushing - Deheneherukha (21-76); Liquori (7-19); Beaudette (3-11); Clark (3-13). Passing - Clark (9-18, 33 yards, 2 INT). Receiving - Deheneherukha (4-3); Conte (2-15); Shea (2-13); Liquori (1-2).

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Profile...

# Liz Clark Sees AHS Gymnasts As WMass. Contenders

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Liz Clark is a veteran gymnast for Agawam High. She has seen the good times and the not-so-good times. Recently, the senior took time out to talk about herself and her days as a Brownie.

Clark is 17 years-old. Her birthday is August 18th. All four years of her secondary education have been spent at AHS. This semester, she's taking AP English, AP biology, honors calculus, and honors physics. Clark is a member of the National Honor Society, the Renaissance Club, and The Future Teachers Club.

She has no favorite class. "I like school, so they're all good," she smiled.

Her top teacher is Richard Joseph (biology).

She has looked at five colleges for next year: Keene State (New Hampshire), University of New Hampshire, SUNY at Cortland, East Stroudsburg State (Pennsylvania), and the University of West Virginia. Her ultimate goal is to become an athletic trainer.

Besides gymnastics, Clark is also a two-miler on the Agawam High girls' track team. But gymnastics is the sport she enjoys the best.

The team had a big win against Pittsfield and South Hadley last Friday, October 13th, and is 8-0 at this writing (a far cry from last years 0-20 record).

## In Praise Of Freshmen Team Members...

She has this take on the season: "I knew we'd be



LIZ CLARK

good because of the freshmen who've joined us. Now I'm thinking that we just might go unbeaten and should be a good bet to win Western Mass."

Baked potatoes are her favorite food.

Green is her color of choice.

Her favorite athlete is Jaime Dantzsch, a member of the U.S. women's gymnastics team.

She likes to kick back and relax at her friends' houses.

Her taste in clothes run to the casual. She buys them at The Gap and American Eagle.

"I like all kinds of music, even country," she told us.

"Dawson's Creek" is tops on the tube for her. "Varsity Blues" is her top flick.

June is her mom. Rich is her dad.

The person Clark says she looks up to is her grandfather, Jim (dad's side). "He has always been very supportive of me," she said.

Clark, who is a two-year captain of the gymnastics team, wants to be remembered at AHS as a person who worked hard, was a team leader, and got along with everyone.

Her coach, Allison Bonnyman, says, "Liz is a person who has been a leader on the team for four years and sets a good example for the younger kids."

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## Jensen's Goal Gives Brownie Girls' Soccer First Win Of 2000 Season

Senior Amy Jensen's goal 10 minutes into the second half pushed the Agawam High girls' varsity soccer team into the winner's circle for the first time this season - a 1-0 whitewash over Central at sunny Harmon Smith Field on Friday, October 13th.

Jensen's tally, her first this season, was of the all-hustle variety. She followed in a shot from senior midfielder Jill Gendron that rebounded out to the left side of the box. Jensen looked like she was sliding into home plate, as her foot met the ball and sent it into the back of the net as the many Agawam offensive players in front of the goal celebrated.

Sophomore goalie Vicky Taylor, getting her first nod as a starter from Coach Laura Wray-Ramos this season, recorded the shutout with the assistance of a strong defense and a midfield and forward line that poured 21 shots on the Central goal. The two teams had deadlocked 1-1 last month, but this time there was no doubt who the better team was on this day.

Central ended with nine shots on goal and had its best opportunities to score on three occasions. All involved senior striker Cristina Huff, who is a wily player with tremendous speed. She hangs around the midfield area and hangs around some more, always looking for that one thru ball that ignites her blazing speed and more-than-adequate ball skills to rip past the opposing defenders.

Taylor was able to come out and cut the angle down on two of Huff's first-half forays. Huff was marked well and received plenty of attention from Brownie defenders Desiree Marsili at sweeper, sophomore Danielle Cirillo at stopper, and defenders Amanda Merola (senior), Becca Nacewicz (senior), and Laura Pedersen.

Wray-Ramos changed up the midfield a bit, moving junior sweeper Amanda Blair into that area and putting Cirillo behind her. Blair gave a yeoman's effort and was able to keep the Brownies moving in a forward direction, especially during several stages of the game when they totally dominated the action.

Jensen had several opportunities to score in this one, as did sophomore striker Kaitlin Sardella, who received some good feeds from junior midfielder Jessie Newalu. This duo nearly put one in before Jensen's heroics, as Newalu sent a screamer that ricocheted off the Central goal and onto Sardella's foot at the top of the box. Her grounder skidded past the post.

Central's best chance came off Huff's foot late in the second half. She managed to rocket from the midfield to the top of the box, with AHS defenders hanging onto her for dear life. Huff was allowed to push

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Varsity Field Hockey...

## Second-Half Goal Lifts ELM Over AHS, 2-1

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High field hockey team had a chance to put one in the left-hand column on Tuesday evening (October 17th) when it hosted East Longmeadow at Harmon Smith Field. The Spartans came in at 2-7-3. A couple of weeks ago, Agawam (who would come out of this one at 2-7-4) had tied them, 1-1, at their place. ELM squeaked out a 2-1 win this time.

For the first three minutes, neither team seemed to want to play offense. Finally, the Spartans caught fire and attacked. The Brownie defense, led by Kara Dominick, stepped up. The Brownies came back behind some good hustle by Laurie Halpy, Danielle Bachini, and Jen Pietroniro.

The ELM "D" beat back the charge, handling the ball back to its offense. They had a good opportunity on a shot from the right point with 13:20 gone. A good deflection save by Agawam keeper Alyssa Goodrow kept things at nil. Goodrow had another good save two minutes later - a kick-out job.

ELM kept up the pressure, getting a right-corner shot at 9:30, a right-wing opportunity with 6:06 to go, and another corner at the 4:30 mark.

They were still putting pressure on the Agawam defense (which was up to the challenge) when the

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buzzer went off, ending the first 30 minutes. Agawam had two first-half shots on goal. The Spartans came in with two as well.

With the score at zero, both teams needed to pick up their intensity in the second half. The Spartans got the call first. With 3:48 gone, they attacked on the right wing and scored from 20 feet out, unmarked.

Agawam tried to come back, as Pietroniro and Bachini led the charge. With seven minutes gone, junior Erin Jackson had an open shot from the left side off an Agawam corner. The Spartans' keeper, Missy Rudzinski, robbed her.

Agawam continued to attack. Jenn Bishop drove one towards the Spartans' net off a corner with 9:52 gone. The ELM defense gobbled it up. A minute later, Bishop got a pass off to junior Alyson Nowell on the right side. Rudzinski was right there.

It was all Agawam since the Spartans' score. The only ELM chance in that time period came at 16:48. Goodrow was challenged and made a good pad save. The Brownies returned to the Spartan zone and hit paydirt. They had a right corner shot at 14:20, which went wild. But the offense kept the ball in play and rushed the right wing big-time. Bachini (with the ball on her stick in the right crease) measured and shot, tying things at one apiece.

A Mistake By The Brownies...

Then Agawam made a mistake. "You can't do that in this sport. One second in a game that doesn't have much scoring can make all the difference," Brownie Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner noted.

The mistake: Agawam's defense, which had played so well, let the Spartans' offense get behind them. The shot from the left crease was right on. Goodrow had no chance.

Agawam, down 2-1, had two legitimate opportunities down the stretch. With 3:40 to play, a loose ball spun in the grass 30 feet out on the right wing of the ELM net. No Spartan was there to cover it. But no Brownie could get there for a completely open shot.

There was 2:40 left when Bishop had a chance. The senior midfielder was 40 feet in the center of the Spartans' box and shooting into a screen. No one (including Rudzinski) saw it, but the ball just skidded wide right.

Agawam had three second-half shots, totaling five. ELM had three as well for a game total of five.

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and shove and she freed herself for a strong drive on Taylor, who snared the ball in midair, not allowing any rebound to pop out.

Another reason for the Brownies' success in this one was their ability to sustain an attack in the Central zone, whereby their forward line could form a wall well up the field and remain in the face of the Central defenders. This also kept Huff away from the ball for large chunks of the game.

Gendron, who registered the assist on Jensen's

goal, also provided the Brownies with solid midfield play, as did Newalu. This gal took most of Agawam's direct kicks as well as the team's throw-ins. Many of these were launched right at the Central net, and this created all kinds of havoc in front of the visitors' net.

While the Brownies easily could have gathered a bucket of goals in this one, Jensen's singleton was enough.

The Brownies (at presstime) were 1-10-1 and hoping for a few more, with six games remaining in the season.

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## Boys' Varsity Soccer: Brownies Defeat Knights, Fall To Amherst...

### Good Team Effort Puts AHS Past Holyoke, 3-1

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

You don't cross your coach, no matter what the sport.

Jon Cavallo made that completely clear on Tuesday afternoon (October 17th) in the Brownies' 3-1 win over visiting Holyoke High. He sat down five of his starters (five very good players, we might add). They didn't ride the pine for poor play; they were bench boys because they all missed a practice earlier in the week. The reason? Who knows? "Maybe they aren't happy because we're not doing that well. Whatever it was, the coach just told them they weren't going to play," junior midfielder John Lynch shrugged.

Holyoke (2-11-1, 1-8-1) will never be confused with Ludlow, but they are still a soccer team with kids that can hurt you. Agawam barely beat them at Roberts Field, 4-3, a couple of weeks ago. And that was with the team at full strength. Agawam's three goals are more than they've scored in all but two games this season. They played well and played together. As usual, their defense - led by senior keeper John DeCaro - anchored the effort.

DeCaro got a big test with 17:18 gone. The blast from 40 feet in front was right on. The senior kicked it away. Holyoke, which had been tentative in the first 10 minutes, continued its attack. The defense, led by Lynch and Mike DeCaro, stepped up. With 14:50 to go, John DeCaro was asked to make two more big saves, which he did.

The Brownies mustered their forces and came back behind some good right-wing work by Mike Ruscio and Sean Duvall. The effort paid off with 11:31 on the clock. Mike McGeoghan (who has been getting a ton of playing time lately) drove the ball from 40 feet out on the right side past the Knights' keeper, Zach Duprey, for Agawam's first goal (McGeoghan's third of the season). Greg Cizek got the assist.

Holyoke didn't quit. They unleashed a hooking blast across the crease on DeCaro with 7:36 to play. It was a tricky ball to track, but he made the save. Again, the Agawam "D" (with some heads-up play by McGeoghan, Paul Lagasse and defender Dave Bienna) made shooting tough for the visitors. With four seconds to go, Holyoke managed to get one more off from the left crease. The shooter was marked well, and DeCaro slid for the save on a semi-tough shot. Agawam had two first-half shots on goal. Holyoke checked in with five.

The second half saw Agawam once again playing its usual good defense. They needed the effort to repel a big Holyoke attack with 6:51 gone. That attack lasted for 10 minutes. Bienna, Jim Evans, Mike DeCaro, Nick Broska, and Cizek were right there in front of John DeCaro.

Agawam had weathered the storm and came back with some offense of its own. With 11:49 to go, the ball came loose in front. Holyoke's defense was a beat late in clearing it. Ruscio homed in on the rock like a cruise missile headed for downtown Baghdad. His drive put Agawam up, 2-0.

Some Agawam extracurricular activities led to a Holyoke penalty kick with 8:25 left. "That was a great save. John guessed right. That's why he's so good," said Lynch with a smile, referring to the DeCaro effort on a ball that was off hot and sailing to his left.

However, DeCaro couldn't stop the next Knights' shot 1:30 later that beat him from the right point. He really had no chance. The Brownie lead stood at 2-1.

Five minutes, 24 seconds remained when Agawam got what would turn out to be the insurance goal.

An Agawam left-corner toss came into the lower part of the Holyoke box. Lynch was there to knock it home.

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### Brownie Booters Whitewashed By Tough Hurricanes, 1-0

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' soccer team took the scenic ride to Amherst Regional last Thursday. But it wasn't to peep at the leaves. They had a date with the powerful Hurricanes. The 'Canes prevailed, 1-0. Once again, it was a case of Agawam getting no breaks. And they played well enough and hard enough to win this one.

The Brownies, behind Nick Broska, Matt Ligenza, and Mike Crough, had the best of things through the first six minutes. When Amherst tried to penetrate, it was marked well by the Agawam defenders.

Amherst finally started to come up with an offense. With 10 minutes gone, it tested Brownie keeper John DeCaro on a blast from the right wing 40 feet away. He made the save. Agawam's offense was trying to punch the ball out. They were met at midfield, but held their own where Mike Ruscio, Eric Serna, Mike McGeoghan, and John Sikes played well throughout.

There were 18 minutes off the clock when DeCaro was called upon again. The senior made the first save on a screamer from the right wing, then went to the ground to stop the rebound from 15 feet in the crease.

Agawam came back behind a rush by McGeoghan. He had Agawam's first good opportunity at the 20-minute mark with a hard shot 30 feet in front headed for an open left corner. But the Hurricanes' defense never let it get there, blocking the effort low in the box.

The Agawam defense was tested as the half wound down. DeCaro was right there with a kick save reminiscent of a hockey goalie and a little later, a big dive to grab a ball hooking across the goal mouth.

The first 40 minutes ended scoreless. Agawam had one shot on goal. Amherst came up with seven.

Amherst started the second half much as it had ended the first, on offense. That led to some good play by Dave Bienna, Mike Carmody, and Greg Cizek as they led the Brownie 'D' against the Hurricanes' onslaught.

The defensive effort led to some Agawam offense. McGeoghan had an airball in front of the 'Canes' net with three minutes gone. His header (with an open spot just under the crossbar) sailed a foot over the crossbar. Minutes later, Serna booted one in the air from the right wing. Sean Duvall had a header of his own, but just missed wide left.

#### Locals Playing Well On Offense & Defense

Agawam was playing well with 11 minutes gone, both on offense and defense. But their defense, as it has been for most of the season, had to be ready to step up at all times. DeCaro, their leader, showed why he is just that by going parallel on a deflection save with 15 minutes gone. But you can only play defense for so long.

Too many times this season, Agawam boys' soccer makes the one mistake that puts them in the hole. This time the bad luck bug came up and bit the Brownies midway through the second half.

An airball from the right side sailed into the right point. The ball and the shooter (fullback Nate Burgess), who gathered it up, got behind the Brownies' defense. His drive, from 30 feet, headed for the left corner. DeCaro never had a chance. And Amherst had the 1-0 lead.

That was all it would take. Agawam had some chances down the stretch - Serna launched from 45 feet in front. The ball was on, but the save was made. Aaron Gilbert worked a nice crossing pass from the right wing with 12 minutes to go. No Hurricane defender was there to deal with it. However, neither was a Brownie to convert it.

Coach Jon Cavallo, as he has done for the last four games or so, put Evan Machos in goal and moved DeCaro to forward at the 7:40 mark. But by then, Amherst had gone into a denial mode - attacking only

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# UMass Minutemen Spoil Phil McGeoghan's Day In 33-10 Win Over U-Maine Black Bears

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

We took the ride up to UMass last Saturday afternoon (October 14th) to watch the Minutemen meet the UMaine Black Bears.

Now, because we are a local paper, we could say we went up there to cheer on the local university. That wasn't really the case. We went there to watch former Agawam High star Phil McGeoghan. McGeoghan is a standout wide out for Maine. And we tracked his performance throughout the game.

He played in front of about 150 fans from the Agawam area and over 12,000 UMass partisans overall. "Yeah, my folks and family were there, along with kids from the Agawam Youth Football League," McGeoghan noted.

This was the type of deal that makes everything worthwhile - a football game at UMass, with a worthy opponent, and a kid whom many of us wanted to see. Add to that the stunning fall foliage all over the place, the aromatic tailgate parties, the overall genuine festivities of a football weekend at the University, and a great seat in the press box. It just didn't get much better.

Except for the Black Bears and McGeoghan. They lost, 33-10. McGeoghan, who had caught a pass in 26 straight games, was shut out; at times, the calls on him were questionable. McGeoghan was second in the Atlantic Ten in receptions per game, coming in with 6.0. He was first in the league with 89.2 receiving yards a game. McGeoghan was coming off a career game at William and Mary (11-178-1). His 140 receptions for 2,011 yards rank him fifth and sixth on the all-time list at Maine.

This one, according to McGeoghan, was a nightmare for him. "Nothing worked, not for me or for our team," he said. Maybe it all started on the first UMaine play from scrimmage. It was a reverse and a pass off a halfback option. The ball was intended for McGeoghan, who was 30 yards downfield. "That ball was intended to go 40 yards. It was underthrown. It happens. We went over that play 100 times in practice," he noted.

So, McGeoghan had to check his pattern and come

back for the ball and was triple-teamed for no catch. "I knew it was all up to me when I saw a linebacker in front of the play," McGeoghan observed. His leap wasn't near enough to beat the defenders.

McGeoghan had another big chance on UMaine's second possession. The Bears had second and goal at the UMass nine. McGeoghan had the call on the right side. He was right on the end zone sideline when he caught a lob from Maine quarterback Jake Eaton. They called it out. "In college football, you only have to have one foot in. I had that foot in fair territory. We saw it on the game films," McGeoghan said.

At that point, UMaine scored three on a field goal. UMass came back to score a touchdown and take a 7-3 lead at the 3:31 mark of the first.

UMaine's fourth possession saw McGeoghan as a target again. Split to the right, he was let loose on a fly. The pass was broken up.

UMass was up 14-3 and Maine had its fifth possession. They could do nothing as the Minuteman defense, which would have 11 sacks in the game, made life miserable for Eaton (who tops in the nation in pass efficiency, and in this one, at least number one in running for his life).

The UMaine punt got McGeoghan some relief. He was the initial tackler on the return. Maine's next possession saw Eaton get sacked three times. "How can a quarterback throw on his back? He had a tough time of it," McGeoghan said.

UMaine, down 21-3, took the knee to end the first 30 minutes.

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The Bears scored on their first possession in the second half off an Eaton 32-yard pass to Dwayne Wilmot. Maine's ninth and 10th possessions saw McGeoghan with no chances. The third quarter ended with the Bears down, 21-10.

McGeoghan had a chance on a comeback play with 14:16 gone in the fourth quarter. He bobbled a first and 10 ball that would have been good for six yards and was run out of bounds. "By that time, I was pressing, going for catches that should be routine for me," he noted.

He had another chance at the 8:27 mark after the UMaine defense beat back a UMass drive. Maine had it after the punt at its own 20. McGeoghan had a look at the ball, maybe a little high, on the right side. "I should have caught the pass. That's what I'm good at - hands stuff."

UMass was up 27-10 when Maine had another opportunity with 3:03 to go. Once again, they were at their 20 after the kickoff. McGeoghan went down and out at the Maine 30 and made a catch. It was ruled no good because of an ineligible receiver downfield.

By then, UMass got another score and led 33-10. Minuteman Coach Mark Whipple put in his young kids. Maine Coach Jack Cosgrove took out his starters, including McGeoghan.

In the end, McGeoghan said he didn't perform well; not only for the people who came to see him, but by his own standards and for the team.

But, in his defense, we'll say this. We all have bad days; maybe not in front of 12,000 people, but still they do happen. UMaine is getting ready to play Richmond, down there this Saturday. And McGeoghan, an optimist, had this to say: "It's the great thing about sports ... usually, there is another day. We have to be better for the one coming up."

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# Agawam Chamber Of Commerce Holds Golf Social

The Agawam Municipal Golf Course was the location for the recent Agawam Chamber of Commerce 9 Hole Golf Social. The Social, held on September 21st, was sponsored by United Process, Inc., with refreshments sponsored by Woronoco Savings Bank.

According to Richard Blomstrom, Chairperson of the Agawam Chamber Golf Committee, participation was double the size of last year's Social.

The winners included:

Lowest Gross Foursome (male)

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### AMHERST GAME - from Page 46

when it thought an opportunity presented itself and depending on defense when it didn't.

Agawam fell to 3-8-2, 2-5-2. Amherst, who should be a factor in the upcoming playoffs, rose to 6-4-3, 5-3-1.

Agawam had three second-half shots for a game total of four. Amherst turned in four, totally 11.

### HOLYOKE GAME - from Page 46

Agawam's record rose to 4-8-2, 3-5-2. Agawam had seven second-half shots on goal for a total of nine. Holyoke shot four for a total of 9 as well.

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**IN LEFT PHOTO:** The lowest gross foursome (mixed) - Tim Ayre, Steve DePalma, Kathy Ayre, and Gene Willey. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** The longest drive - Kathy Ayre (female) and Tim Ayre (male). The Agawam Chamber of Commerce's 9 Hole Golf Social was held at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.



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## Agawam Twisters Take Eastern MA By Storm

The girls' U-12 Agawam Twisters of the Pioneer Valley Soccer Association participated in a Columbus Day weekend tournament in North Andover, Mass. The girls played five hard-fought games in three days, reaching the championship game on Columbus Day, before losing to Andover by a score of 2-0.

Going into the title game, the Twisters' blistering offensive attack netted a total of 23 goals through the first four games. In the semifinal game on Monday, the team's smothering defense held their opponents to an incredible total of two shots on goal. Despite their tough defeat in the championship game, the Twisters came away with an impressive second-place showing in their first away tournament, plus many happy memories of the fun time the team, coaches, and parents shared over the weekend.

Way to go, Twisters!!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE girls U-12 Agawam Twisters.

## Timmy Olson Wins Again At Pinnacle Raceway

On August 12th, Timmy Olson of Feeding Hills placed first in the Novice Sportsman I Division of kart racing at Pinnacle Raceway, Chicopee.

Since that time, he has placed second in each of the last four races. He is currently fourth in the points standings, with one regular-points and one double-points race to conclude the 17-race season.

Timmy is a fourth-grade student at Granger School.

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## Agawam Soccer Association Standings

### U-10 GIRLS

	W	L	T	P
Tuohey Yellow Jackets	1	6	1	4
Scherpa Blue Flames	1	7	0	3
Pelletier Red Rockets	6	0	1	19
Gendon Blue Lightning	2	4	1	7
Marsh Green Ball Hogs	4	2	2	14
Parent Orange Hurricanes	6	1	1	19

### U-12 GIRLS

	W	L	T	P
Wood Red Demons	7	0	1	22
Beroth Blue Angels	4	2	2	14
Prout Yellow Jackets	3	4	1	10
Pietroniro Warriors	0	6	2	2
Brewster The Thunder	2	4	2	8

### U-17 (CO-ED)

	W	L	T	P
Comee's Kamakazee	4	1	0	13
Adams Blue Thunder	1	3	1	4
Howe Green Hornets	4	1	1	13
Francis Red	1	5	0	3

### U-10 BOYS

	W	L	T	P
Lafoe Blue Thunder	6	1	1	19

Paulin Blue Demons	6	2	0	18
Gould Black Shadow	6	2	0	18
McElligot Blue Jays	5	2	1	16
Hastings Orange Vipers	3	5	0	9
Ellsworth Red Devils	3	5	0	9
Giusto Golden Eagles	2	6	0	6
Farrington Green Machine	0	8	0	0

### U-12 BOYS

	W	L	T	P
Henigan Yellow Jackets	6	2	0	18
Brin Green Demons	5	2	0	15
Laporte Blue Devils	4	3	1	13
Nawskon Red Devils	1	5	2	5
Lombardini Orange Crush	1	5	1	4

### U-14 (CO-ED)

	W	L	T	P
Adams Green Hornet	7	0	1	22
Zmaczynski Golden Eagles	6	2	0	18
Lane Red Devils	2	4	2	8
White Blue Maniacs	1	4	3	6
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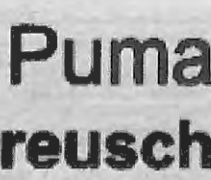
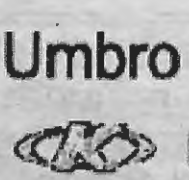
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# Agawam Youth Football - Week Six

## SENIOR BLUE

The Agawam Warriors' senior blue team traveled to Springfield on Sunday, October 15th, for a much-anticipated meeting with the Springfield South 5A Hawkeyes. The Warriors got off to a quick start with QB Andrew Wakelee throwing a 60-yard bomb to TE Dave Modzanowski on the second play of the game. The Warriors scored on their next possession behind the solid blocking of the Agawam line (Springfield outweighed them by an average of 70 pounds per player). FB Mike Toto rumbled in from five yards out. Toto also carried in the conversion, putting the Warriors up, 14-0.

The Warriors' defense was again relentless. With its pursuit of the Hawkeye running back (#23 Calvin Carter) led by Alex Ellsworth and Eric deleifde, along with DE's Joe McGeoghan and Alex Gohn, the Hawkeyes could only mount small gains. The linebackers, led by John Gibbons (back from injury), Andrew Wakelee, Mike Toto, and Kurt Schiebel, did not allow the Hawkeyes anything to the outside. When Springfield attempted to go to the air, Ryan Pellerin, Chris Keeley, Joe McDyer, and Kyle Perry denied them any ground.

The Warriors' special teams (again under Coach McDyer) were outstanding. The hit of the day came on a Springfield Hawkeye return man (#11 Enrique Lopez) trying to get to the outside. Justin Pitoniak came down his lane and laid a solid hit and tackle, driving Lopez out of bounds. The Warriors also blocked a punt deep in the Hawkeyes' territory.

The Warriors kept up the pressure, with Schiebel intercepting a pass and returning it 40 yards for a Warrior score. Toto carried the conversion behind Bussiere, Bailey, and DeCosmo, putting the Warriors up, 22-0. The defense never stopped with its pressure. Sean Martin, Mike Theriault, John Jordan, and Anthony Verteramo all played outstanding defense and special teams throughout the game. Verteramo and Martin were key in the fourth quarter, stopping the Hawkeyes' attempt to run up the middle.

The Warrior offense was clicking on all cylinders. With first down on the Hawkeyes' 35-yard line, Scheibel went behind Bussiere, Bailey, and DeCosmo down the right side for a score; Toto followed Walker and Johnson for the conversion. Modzanowski and Ryan McLane were key at their tight end positions, running great routes all day and throwing key blocks to spring the Warrior backfield to the outside.

Kyle Perry and Joe McDyer ran the Warrior offense for most of the second half. LB John Gibbons sealed the Hawkeyes' last attempt by intercepting a pass and returning it 20 yards (which ran out the clock). The Warrior backs again enjoyed a great day on the ground, with Schiebel running for 155 yards; Toto, 85; Wakelee, 60 and 150 in the air.

The Warriors next play on Sunday, October 22nd, at home (Memorial Field). Game time is 3:00 p.m.

## SENIOR GREEN

On Sunday, October 15th, the Agawam senior green Warriors defeated Westfield by the score of 20-0.

The first touchdown of the game was made by Jordan Buiso on a QB keeper from five yards out. Tom Ramah was able to score the second touchdown by catching an incredible 51-yard pass. Jordan Buiso scored his second touchdown and the final Warriors' touchdown from 15 yards on a quarterback keeper.

A major part of the Warriors' win was because of the awesome offense. The credit for the great block-

ing goes to Shawn Cummings, John Delucci, Anthony Sotolotto, Jim Yelnick, Geno Santaniello, Mike Longhi, Tom Ramah, Nick Alvanos, Derek Myers, Justin Howe, Lauren Learned, John Crothers, and Nick Demetrian.

The Warrior defense did an outstanding job by not letting the Westfield team score and leading the Warriors to their victory. The defensive team was made up of John Simone, Justin Stevens, Adam Rhodes, Dale Hope, Jim Lewin, Chris Scuderi, Chris Orenstein, Mike Santos, Kirk Barker, and Max von Ossenbruggen.

This Sunday, the Warriors will be playing in Quaboag. Thanks to all of our fans for their great support, and to the cheerleaders for all of their hard work.

## JUNIOR BLUE

The Agawam junior blue Warriors were defeated by Springfield South on Sunday, October 15th. Springfield was able to score three times in the first half of the game, once on an interception and two running touchdowns. The score at halftime was Springfield 18, Warriors 0.

The Warriors scored their only touchdown in the third quarter, when Geoff Trexler picked up a lateral pass and ran 35 yards into the end zone. Joel Bailey was able to score the extra point on a quarterback keeper. Springfield scored its final touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Charles Barbarisi, Jim Mackin, and Dustin Petrucci had an excellent game. They played very hard on both offense and defense. Agawam by the score of 24-8.

The Agawam Warriors' next game will be at home against visiting Wilbraham on Sunday, October 22nd, at Memorial Field (behind Phelps School). This will be the last home game for the Agawam junior blue Warriors.

## JUNIOR GREEN

On Sunday, October 15th, the Agawam Warriors' junior green team defeated Westfield at home by the score of 6-0.

Rashad Wright scored on the last play of the first half with a five-yard run. That touchdown was set up by Brendan McNeish with a 15-yard pass and a 20-yard run to Colin Hensel. Colin had two passes for the

day and rushed for 40 yards.

Nick Sliech did an outstanding job blocking and rushed for 35 yards. Jake Ferretti rushed for 15 yards, and QB Brendan McNeish had two pass completions for 40 yards and rushed for 10 yards. Offensive linemen Philip Scoville, Frank Liberti, Corey Brennan, Steven Teixeira, and Patrick McKeever, and ends James Devoe and Anthony Stork, did a fine job blocking for the Warriors.

The Warrior defense played like true gridiron gorillas; led by Mark Hardy, they held Westfield to only three first downs and 60 yards rushing. Backfield tackles were made by Colin Hensel (two for 15-yard loss), Mark Hardy (one for seven-yard loss), Frank Liberti (one for five-yard loss), and Joshua Ayotte (one for four-yard loss).

Colin Hensel and Jake Ferretti had an outstanding day on defense with four solo tackles. Andrew White, Frank Liberti, Patrick McKeever, Brendan McNeish, and Scott Reardon had two solo tackles, and Scott Reardon blocked a punt and recovered it. Nick Sliech, James Devoe, Philip Scoville, Jerrett Johnson, Kyle LaBonte, and Mark Hardy all made one solo tackle. Joshua Blood, David Cook, David Proulx, Evan Spear, and Paul Vermette did a great job on both sides of the ball, relieving other Warriors.

The Warriors were cheered onto victory by the very talented JV cheerleaders.

## PEE WEE BLUE

On Sunday, October 15th, the Agawam pee wee blue team travelled to Plumb Field in Springfield to play the Springfield South Hawkeyes. Agawam played tough but came up short, 24-0. The little Hawkeyes scored three times in the first half and once in the second. On all four PAT attempts, the little Warrior defense dug in and stopped Springfield South.

Defensively, Matt Munson and Robert Johnson played well on the line; Delanie Sapelli had an excellent game at defensive end; and Greg Heinbokel, Joe Toto, and Kyle Keeley had lots of tackles from their linebacker positions. Offensively, QB D.J. Sapelli completed nice passes to Joe Toto and Tim Jendrysik. Frank Sacco and Rob McGeoghan made some nice

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St. Louis was still in the lead after the October 9th matches by virtue of a 3-1 win over Georgetown. G'T started off strong, winning the first string by 30 pins. Then, St. L put it in gear and took the second string by eight before overwhelming G'T by almost 90 pins in the third to easily win total pins for the third point.

G'T bowlers doing well were Jim "Big Mac" McCormick, who rolled a 329 series (including a 121 high single), and "Mighty" Debbie Poirier, who returned to normal after a couple of poor weeks and ran off a 324 total with a 114 first string (which cemented the team's only point).

For St. L, Maybeth "Miss Consistent" Coughlin did it again with a 95, 104, 107 night for a 306 total to help Glen "Not Sam" Adams, who ran off a 355 total with a super 149 third string (which put the icing on the cake and kept St. L on top).

Catholic University took the measure of Holy Cross, 3-1, to take over second place and push HC into the cellar. The first and third strings were close, with CU winning the first by nine and HC winning the third by five.

The two anchor bowlers did all the heavy hitting, with Ron "The Don" Menard running off a 376 series of 122, 116, 138 to best Kathy "Big Cat" Burlingham's 111, 115, 112 string and a 338 total. "The Don" was in mid-season form for this one.

St. Mary remained tied for second place, but was lacking 65 pins in total pinfall to pull past CU and had to settle for third. St. M did win over Notre Dame, 3-1,

in a high-scoring match.

Lucy "Not In Peanuts" Menard had one of her better nights, hitting strings of 94, 103, 95 (a 292 series) to help Paula "Wild Thing" Burke, who had a 325 series which included a neat 131 single (but all in a losing cause).

The hero for St. M was Rich "Golden" Snyder, who shone like an Alaskan big-time strike and hit 113, 146, 110 for a coveted nearly-400 series (389). He didn't do it alone because Don "Reb" Stitt helped the team with a 319 series and a 118 single.

In the last match-up of the night, Boston College and Fordham tied at two each. Fordham was able to come up big in the third string to not only win the string but take total pinfall.

Jon "Money" Robarge was on the money for BC, running off 101, 117, 110 strings and a 328 total. But it wasn't enough, as F'ham used a 321 by Flo "Rocky" Rochford and a 302 by "Jolly" Olly Muldrew to win total pinfall by 40 pins (there was a 68-pin difference in the big third string).

## Standings As Of 10/9/00:

St. Louis	13 - 7
Catholic University	12 - 8
St. Mary	12 - 8
Georgetown	10-1/2 - 9-1/2
Boston College	9 - 11
Notre Dame	8 - 12
Fordham	8 - 12
Holy Cross	7-1/2 - 12-1/2

## Basketball Coaches' Clinic Set For Sunday, Oct. 22nd, At American International College

The second annual 2000 AIC Basketball Coaches' Clinic for men and women of all levels will be held on Sunday, October 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Butova Gymnasium.

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runs between tackles.

Up front, Jonathan Fondakowski (at offensive tackle) and Kyle Craig (at offensive end) made some great blocks.

This Sunday, October 22nd, the pee wee blue team plays its final home game against Wilbraham. The game starts at 12:15 p.m., and everyone is welcome.

## PEE WEE GREEN

It was billed as a grudge match. Agawam's green pee wee team (1-4-1) avenged its opening-day loss against Westfield with a 20-14 win on Sunday, October 15th, at home.

After losing 20-0 in their first game against Westfield, the Agawam pee wees took no prisoners as they took a 14-0 lead going into halftime.

Dylan "The Villain" Coulter scored twice behind the blocking of tailback Paul "Bearer" Vecchiarelli and fullback James "The Moose" Olson. The offensive line was led by tackles Pat "Mad Dog" McLane and Mike "The Italian Stallion" Saccomani, guards Justin "Time" Rahn and "Insane" Shane Lafond, ends Joey "The Godfather" Gabanelli and Steve "Roll Up Them Sleeves" Johnson, and center Eric "The Wild Thing" Alexopoulos.

Quarterback Jason "The Tool" Houle scored an insurance touchdown on a QB keeper to put the finishing touches on a great victory.

Defensively, Agawam held Westfield scoreless through the first half of the game before giving up third- and fourth-quarter TD's.

The defense was anchored by "Say It Ain't So" Joe Farwell, "Even" Stephen Hillios, Mike "Sugar" Shackford, "Iron" Mike Tirozzi, Matt "The Cat" Reardon, James "Tiger" Wood, Tyler "No Mo" Devoe, Robert "The Suture" Couture, and Cam "My Favorite" Martin.

For their next game, the Agawam green pee wees will travel to Quaboag before closing out their season against Westfield for a third time in a rubber match.

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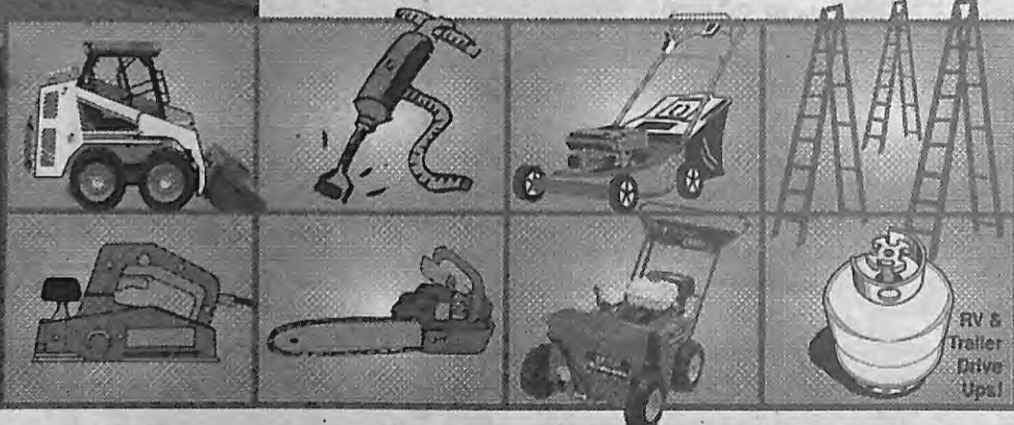
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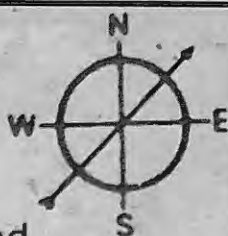
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